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MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA
RESOLUTION NO. 21-17R

A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO ENTER INTO PORT AGREEMENTS WITH PASSENGER CRUISE SHIP COMPANIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF SATISFYING REQUIREMENTS OF THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION TO ALLOW CRUISE SHIPS TO VISIT THE PORT OF SKAGWAY IN 2021, WHEN IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE MUNICIPALITY.

WHEREAS, on October, 30, 2020, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued the “Framework for Conditional Sailing and Initial Phase COVID-19 Testing Requirements for Protection of Crew (“Conditional Sailing Order”) as a framework for a phased resumption of cruise ship operations; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2021, the CDC issued “Technical Instructions for a Cruise Ship Operator’s Agreement with Port and Local Health Authorities under CDC’s Framework for Conditional Sailing Order” and a “Checklist for Port and Local Health Authorities: Cruise Ship Operator Agreements under CDC’s Framework for Conditional Sailing Order”; and

WHEREAS, the CDC’s framework was further supplemented by the CDC’s April 28, 2021 letter allowing cruise ship operators to submit an attestation to CDC under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 that 98 percent of crew are fully vaccinated and submit to CDC a clear and specific vaccination plan and timeline to limit cruise ship sailings to 95 percent of passengers who have been verified by the cruise ship operator as fully vaccinated prior to sailing, thereby enabling cruise ship operators to resume restricted passenger voyages without conducting simulated passenger voyages; and

WHEREAS, the CDC’s framework was further supplemented on May 12, 2021 by the CDC authorizing cruise ship operators, at their discretion, to advise passengers and crew that – if they are fully vaccinated – they may engage in self-guided or independent exploration during port stops; and

WHEREAS, the CDC is requiring that single or multi-port agreements are in place before the resumption of cruise ship visits to Alaskan port communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Assembly of the Municipality of Skagway, Alaska:

Section 1. Port Agreement Authorization. The Manager is authorized to enter into individual or multi-port agreements provided that the following conditions are met:

- A. Cruise Ship Operators agree to provide ship schedules to the Manager for approval.

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- B. Cruise Ship Operators must provide a CDC-compliant mitigation plan that is approved by the Manager prior to arrival for ships that have a scheduled stop in the Port of Skagway.
- C. Other conditions that are necessary for the protection of the public health of Skagway's citizens and visitors as determined by the Skagway Borough Assembly.

Section 2. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately after its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the Borough Assembly of the Municipality of Skagway this 3rd day of June, 2021.



Andrew Cremata, Mayor

ATTEST:



Emily A. Deach, Borough Clerk

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