

Proposed by:	Assemblymember Potter
Attorney Review:	01/14/2022
Vote:	6 Aye 0 Nay 0 Absent

MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA
RESOLUTION NO. 22-03R

A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA ALLOWING ASSEMBLY MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN MEETINGS TELEPHONICALLY DUE TO EMERGENCY CONDITIONS.

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and is easily transmittable person to person; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says that new variants will continue to emerge; and

WHEREAS, despite access to vaccines, COVID-19 rates around the State, country and world continue to persist with continual spikes in the number of positive cases; and

WHEREAS, Skagway is an isolated environment with minimal access to medical services; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality would like to allow the Mayor and Assembly members to participate telephonically in meetings when physical attendance may increase the risk of COVID-19 transmission; and

WHEREAS, SMC 3.01.070 (C)(2) determines that emergency conditions exist if the mayor or manager find that immediate action is necessary to protect public health, welfare, or safety, or to protect public or private property; and

WHEREAS, SMC 3.01.070 (A)(3) states: The mayor and each member of the assembly may attend four (4), two (2) consecutive, regular assembly meetings by teleconference during the twelve (12) month period commencing January 1st of each year; and

WHEREAS, SMC 3.01.070 (A)(8) limits telephonic participation by the mayor and assembly to three (3) members of the assembly and the mayor; and

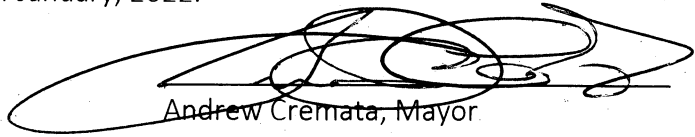
WHEREAS, Resolution No. 21-19R repealed Resolution No. 20-08R allowing assembly members to participate in meetings telephonically due to emergency conditions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the requirements of SMC 3.01.070(A)(3) and SMC 3.01.070(A)(8) may be suspended if two (2) of the following requirements are met:

1. One or more assembly members or the mayor have COVID-19, or have been determined to have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19; and
2. The mayor or manager determines that this action is necessary to protect public health, welfare, or safety; and
3. A quorum of the Borough Assembly including members appearing telephonically due to health, welfare and safety concerns votes to suspend SMC 3.01.070(A)(3) and (A)(8) for the meeting.

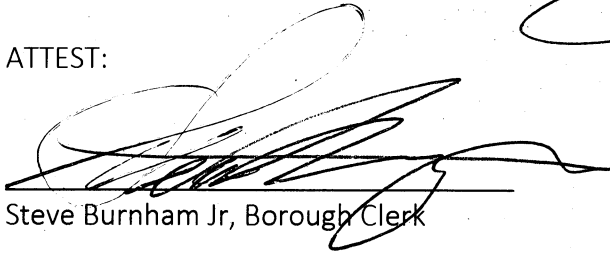
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PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the Borough Assembly of the Municipality of Skagway this 20th day of January, 2022.



Andrew Cremata, Mayor

ATTEST:



Steve Burnham Jr, Borough Clerk

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