

REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY ASSEMBLY MEETING

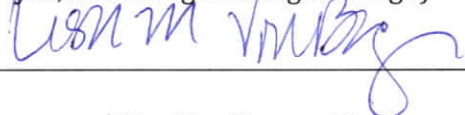
I, (We), Lisa Von Bargen, DO HEREBY REQUEST THAT AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE WRANGELL BOROUGH ASSEMBLY BE CALLED BY THE BOROUGH CLERK, ACCORDING TO WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE, SECTION 3.04.090, FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING SUBJECT MATTER(S):

As allowable in the Alaska Open Meetings Act, the Borough Assembly will hold an EMERGENCY ASSEMBLY MEETING ON Saturday, April 17, 2021 AT 10:00am, by ZOOM Teleconference on the following item(s):

- a. EMERGENCY ORDINANCE No. 997 OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, REAFFIRMING THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY IN EMERGENCY ORDINANCES 976, 980, 985 and 994 AND REQUIRING A FACE COVERING IN CERTAIN INDOOR SETTINGS, ACTIVATING THE PENALTY IN THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE, AND STRONGLY URGING OTHER MITIGATION ACTIONS

In conformance with State Statute and Governor Dunleavy's Guidance Memo on the Open Meetings Act, all members of the Borough Assembly have been notified either orally or in writing more than 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

EMERGENCY MEETING WAS REQUESTED BY **Lisa Von Bargen** (Two Assembly Members, Mayor, or Borough Manager to Sign)



Signature/ Lisa Von Bargen, Manager

Signature (If Assembly Member)

Signed April 16, 2021

(Sec. 3.04.090: Special meetings shall be called by the Borough Clerk on the written request of the MAYOR, BOROUGH MANAGER, or of any TWO MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY. At least forty-eight (48) hours written notice shall be given designating the time and purpose of a special meeting.)

Received/Date: April 16, 2021

Borough Clerk: 

Date assigned: April 17, 2021

Time assigned: 10:00 a.m.

Notice out: April 16, 2021

Minutes of Emergency Assembly Meeting

Held on April 17, 2021

Mayor Prysunka called the Emergency Assembly meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., April 17, 2021 by Zoom teleconference.

PRESENT: PRYSUNKA, MORRISON, COURSON, MORRISON, DALRYMPLE, GILBERT

ABSENT: POWELL

PERSONS TO BE HEARD / PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE – None.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST – None.

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5a EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO 997 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA REAFFIRMING THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY IN EMERGENCY ORDINANCES 976, 980, 985 AND 994 AND REQUIRING A FACE COVERING IN CERTAIN INDOOR SETTINGS, ACTIVATING THE PENALTY IN THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE, AND STRONGLY URGING OTHER MITIGATION ACTIONS

M/S: Gilbert/Morrison to Approve Emergency Ordinance No. 997.

Von Barga explained the importance of bringing forward this Emergency Ordinance; currently have 16 active cases in Wrangell; experiencing an outbreak; starting to have a real impact on our economy and community; previously planned events have been canceled or delayed, due to the outbreak.

Dr. Prysunka provided a general update; much better place in the state from where we were a year ago because we now have vaccinations; also because we know more about this disease; we also have a better idea on how to treat those who are sick; those who are fully or partially vaccinated can still contract the disease; we have small outbreak currently in Wrangell; some are vaccinated and some are not; asking that we can clamp down for a couple of weeks so that we can stop or slow the spread.

In response to Gilbert on if the cases were the higher variant of the virus and if there was an age trend that we are seeing the positive cases show up in, Dr. Prysunka stated that there was no age trend showing up in Wrangell. Dr. Prysunka also said that there have been samples sent up to the Department of Epidemiology to test for the higher variant.

Gilbert stated that before making a motion to amend the main motion, she wanted to see if it would be possible to omit the violation Section G (enforcement section); under Section F, to strike "fines"; would also like to add a phrase under Section F to read "additionally violation of this ordinance does not create grounds for residents to harass individuals who do not comply with it, and also that individuals who do comply are not harassed."

Dalrymple stated that he would like to see wording in the Emergency Ordinance to encourage people to get vaccinated.

After more discussion, Gilbert made the following amendment to the main motion:

M/S: Gilbert/Dalrymple to amend the motion to remove all references to a fine or penalty, mainly section G for noncompliance and to remove the term "fines" in section F and to add "or harass individuals who do, or do not comply to the last sentence of section F.

Amendment to the Motion was approved with Gilbert, Morrison, Dalrymple, Courson, and Howe voting yes; Prysunka voted yes.

Main Motion, as Amended, was approved unanimously by polled vote.

Emergency Assembly meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

ATTEST:

Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk

Stephen Prysunka, Borough Mayor

