



City and Borough of Wrangell
Special Borough Assembly Meeting
AGENDA

Tuesday, March 02, 2021
6:00 PM

Location: ZOOM Teleconference

Although Emergency Resolution No. 02-21-1564 allows for a modified plan for in-person meetings, due to the content of this Special Assembly meeting, this Special Assembly meeting will be held by Zoom Teleconference.

If you wish to call into the meeting to speak under Persons to be Heard, please contact the Borough Clerk at 907-874-2381 or email: clerk@wrangell.com no later than Tuesday, March 2nd at 5:00 p.m.

All Public Comments submitted for this meeting will be forwarded directly to the Borough Assembly and in addition, added to the next Regular Assembly Meeting under Persons to be Heard/Public Comments.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PERSONS TO BE HEARD - Section WMC 3.05.040 (C) states that: *The chair may call to order any person who is breaching the peace or being disorderly by speaking without recognition, engaging in booing or catcalls, speaking vulgarities, name calling, personal attacks, or engaging in other conduct which is determined by the chair to be disruptive of the meeting. Any person so disrupting a meeting of the assembly may be removed and barred from further attendance at the meeting unless permission to return or remain is granted by a majority vote of the assembly.*

4. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

6. ITEM(S) OF BUSINESS

- a. EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO 987 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA REAFFIRMING THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY IN EMERGENCY ORDINANCES 976, 980 AND 985 AND REQUIRING A FACE COVERING IN CERTAIN INDOOR SETTINGS, ACTIVATING THE PENALTY IN THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE, AND STRONGLY URGING OTHER MITIGATION ACTIONS**

- b.** **EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO 988** OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, REAFFIRMING THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY IN EMERGENCY ORDINANCES 976, 980 AND 985 AND ADOPTING THE REQUIREMENT OF INTERNATIONAL AND INTERSTATE TRAVEL TESTING MEASURES
- c.** **EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO 989** OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, REAFFIRMING THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY IN EMERGENCY ORDINANCES 976, 980 AND 985 AND ADOPTING THE REQUIREMENT OF INTRASTATE TRAVEL TESTING MEASURES

7. ADJOURNMENT

CITY & BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AGENDA STATEMENT

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SUBMITTED BY:

Lisa Von Bargaen, Borough Manager

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ATTACHMENTS: 1. Emergency Ordinance 987

RECOMMENDATION MOTION:

Move to approve Emergency Ordinance No. 987.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

We are witnessing a massive outbreak in Petersburg. There always be unavoidable mixing of our populations. As of the time this agenda statement was written there were 60 active cases in Petersburg. Additionally Petersburg has 200 outstanding tests awaiting results; has had two COVID hospitalizations; and two COVID medevacs.

Wrangell has had four positive case of COVID reported over the past twelve days. Up until close to midday on Saturday, the Alaska Department of Public Health was reporting to the Wrangell EOC that fifty percent (50%) of those cases either refused or were unable to be contacted following multiple attempts by Public Health to interview the individuals so contact tracing could be done. Now, seventy-five (75%) are participating in contact tracing, which is either complete or still underway.

The inability to know the contacts of one case, and the lag in contact tracing for another case has put the community at an increased risk of exposure as close contacts have not been able to isolate and get tested.

The Wrangell EOC believes the status quo has changed to the extent necessary to revisit the requirement of face coverings in public in order to keep the potential risk of an outbreak as low as possible.

Next to the life/health safety of our residents, keeping the economy moving is the most important thing. Outbreaks wreak havoc on our businesses. The goal of the EOC is to preserve the low COVID count to prevent businesses from having to close. The less COVID risk there is, the more economic activity we have. Period.

The EOC is respectfully requesting the approval of this ordinance requiring face coverings and providing for a penalty. It contains all the same provisions as the ordinance approved in November, with one notable exception – face shields. The use of face shields, by anyone, instead of a face covering was removed because it does not conform to CDC guidance. Section D lists the exceptions under which a face covering is required. Subsections 2 and 4 are exceptions for individuals who are unable to wear a face covering for medical reasons and individuals who are unable to wear a face covering for breathing reasons, respectively. These sections were amended to reflect the requirement of a face shield for those able to wear and tolerate a shield.

The ordinance is scheduled to sunset at 11:59pm on April 13th. That date was picked as it is the first regularly schedule Assembly meeting of the month.

CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA
ORDINANCE NO. 987

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA REAFFIRMING THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY IN EMERGENCY ORDINANCES 976, 980 AND 985 AND REQUIRING A FACE COVERING IN CERTAIN INDOOR SETTINGS, ACTIVATING THE PENALTY IN THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE, AND STRONGLY URGING OTHER MITIGATION ACTIONS

WHEREAS, Petersburg is experiencing a major outbreak with 60 active cases, 200 outstanding tests, 2 COVID hospitalizations and two COVID medevacs; and

WHEREAS, our populations mix regularly; and

WHEREAS, we recently had a large gathering of residents in Wrangell; and

WHEREAS, Alaska, along with the rest of the United States, and World, has been fighting the global COVID-19 pandemic since March 2020; and

WHEREAS, On March 17, 2020 the Assembly approved Emergency Ordinance No. 976 declaring an emergency related to the COVID-19 Pandemic; on October 13, 2020 approved Emergency Ordinance 980 extending the declaration to December 21, 2020; and on January 12, 2021 approved Emergency Ordinance 985 extending the declaration to March 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Wrangell has had four positive cases within the past twelve days; and

WHEREAS, Public Health informed the City & Borough of Wrangell that up until late morning on February 27, 2021 fifty percent (50%) of the individuals most recently testing positive had either refused, or contact had not been established following multiple attempts by Public Health for interviews so contact tracing could be completed; and

WHEREAS, this means there is no way to understand the risk of exposure in the community because contacts of the positive cases were unable to be notified, or contact was delayed by several days, so contacts can isolate and get tested; and

WHEREAS, potential risk of community exposure has increased significantly; and

WHEREAS, the Wrangell EOC believes it is of paramount importance that Wrangell remain at a low risk level to ensure continued unrestricted economic, group, and individual activities; and

WHEREAS, the most effective, and easiest mitigation measure to keep our residents, economy and active lifestyle safe is wearing a face covering; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly finds mandating the use of face coverings in public necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, Wrangell's COVID-19 Risk Mitigation Matrix outlines several additional mitigation efforts to help stop the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the EOC is strongly urging these other mitigation efforts in addition to the face-covering requirement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA:

SECTION 1: AUTHORIZATION. This is a non-codified EMERGENCY ORDINANCE provided for in the Home Rule Charter of the City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska Section 2-11.

SECTION 2: FACE COVERING REQUIREMENT.

- A. Requirement.** All individuals must wear a mask or cloth face covering over their nose and mouth when they are indoors in public settings or communal spaces outside the home. This ordinance is subject to the conditions and exceptions stated below.
- B. Context.** The settings included in this ordinance include, but are not limited to, the public and communal spaces within the following:
 - 1. Grocery stores, pharmacies, and all other retail stores.
 - 2. Restaurants, cafes, and bars – including food preparation, carry-out, and delivery food operations. There is a limited exception for customers while they are eating or drinking in one of these settings.
 - 3. Buses, taxis, and other forms of public transportation when passengers are present, in conformance with the Federal Mandate.
 - 4. Personal care facilities.
 - 5. Childcare facilities.
 - 6. Communal areas and offices where people from multiple households are present.
 - 7. Elevators and indoor communal spaces in other buildings.
- C. Employment.** Employers are responsible to make sure employees who are present in the workplace have access to and wear masks or cloth face coverings when in direct contact with customers, members of the public, or other employees. Masks are not required when the only direct contact is between members of the same household.
- D. Exceptions.** This ordinance does not apply to the following categories of people or activities:

1. Any child under the age of 2 years. These very young children should not wear a face covering because of the risk of suffocation.
2. Any individual for whom wearing a mask, or cloth face covering would be contrary to his or her health or safety because of a medical condition or mental health condition, and any individual unable to tolerate a mask due to a physical or mental disability. Any individual in this category capable of wearing and tolerating a protective face shield shall be required to do so.
3. Individuals who are speech impaired, deaf, or hard of hearing, or individuals communicating with someone who is deaf or hard of hearing, where facial or mouth movements are an integral part of communication.
4. Any individual who has trouble breathing or otherwise unable to remove the face covering without assistance. Any individual in this category capable of wearing and tolerating a protective face shield shall be required to do so.
5. Individuals who are exercising, if mask wearing would interfere with their breathing.
6. Individuals who are incarcerated, in police custody, or inside a courtroom; these individuals should follow guidance particular to their location or institution.
7. Individuals performing an activity that cannot be conducted or safely conducted while wearing a mask (for example, a driver experiencing foggy glasses, a dental patient receiving care, an equipment operator where there is a risk of dangerous entanglement).
8. Musicians, presenters, ministers, and others communicating to an audience or being recorded, for the duration of their presentation/practice/performance where mask usage impairs communication, and so long as safe physical distancing is maintained.

E. Proof of Medical Reason or Disability. If a person declines to wear a mask or a face covering because of a medical condition or disability as described above, this ordinance does not require them to produce medical documentation verifying the stated condition or disability. Businesses may wish to consider accommodating such individuals through curbside or delivery service.

F. Enforcement Policy. The City and Borough of Wrangell reserves the right to use all available enforcement options to assure compliance with this ordinance. However, employers will not be subject to fines based on non-compliance by customers so long as there is a clearly posted sign informing customers that they are required to wear face coverings. Brief removal of a face covering, such as is necessary to eat, drink, or scratch an itch does not constitute a violation of this ordinance (although hand washing/sanitizing is recommended before and after such activities). Additionally, violation of this ordinance does not create grounds for residents to harass individuals who do not comply with it.

G. Violation. Violation of the face covering requirement in Section 2 shall be a minor offense. In accordance with AS 29.25.0709(a), citations for violation of this ordinance may be disposed of as provided in AS 12.25.195 through 12.25.230, without a court appearance, upon payment of a fine of \$25.00 plus any surcharge required to be imposed by AS 12.55.039 and 29.25.074584019, which shall be considered incorporated into Wrangell Municipal Code (WMC) Section 1.20.050; payment of the fine shall be accepted in satisfaction of the violation; and the violation shall be subject to the provisions outlined in WMC Section 1.20.050.

SECTION 3: OTHER MITIGATION EFFORTS ENCOURAGED. 1) Avoid gatherings if possible, but if necessary limit indoor gatherings to as few non-household members as possible (preferably 20 or less); 2) Restaurants and bars should reduce capacity to ensure the ability for six feet of separation between parties; 3) Use pick-up/take-out options for dining; 4) Personal services should be by appointment only with one customer per provider and no waiting areas; 5) Eliminate group gym or exercise activities and reduce capacity; 6) Follow state or local advisories, mandates and ordinances related to International, Interstate and Intrastate travel testing upon arrival in Wrangell and follow strict social distancing protocols until negative test results arrive.

SECTION 4: EFFECTIVE DATES. This ordinance shall be effective upon adoption and shall sunset at 11:59pm on April 13, 2021 unless terminated earlier or extended by action of the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA THIS 2nd DAY OF March, 2021.

CITY & BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA

Stephen Prysunka, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kim Lane, Borough Clerk

CITY & BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AGENDA STATEMENT

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SUBMITTED BY:

Lisa Von Bargaen, Borough Manager

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ATTACHMENTS: 1. Emergency Ordinance 988

RECOMMENDATION MOTION:

Move to approve Emergency Ordinance No. 988.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

As stated in the previous agenda statement accompanying the face covering ordinance, there is new significant risk of spread of COVID-19 in Wrangell. Identifying positive cases through testing upon arrival from outside the state is one of the most effective ways to keep the community safe from the

virus being brought into town. More important reasons for testing upon arrival are outlined in the attached Emergency Ordinance.

This ordinance requires all persons traveling into Wrangell from outside the state, arriving via all modes, to adhere to one of the described testing scenarios. The exception is Alaska residents, who may choose to quarantine upon arrival for 14 days in lieu of testing.

All persons arriving in Wrangell, via all modes, are able to use the airport testing service currently scheduled to be in place through June.

This ordinance has no violation or penalty provision. The EOC is respectfully requesting the approval of this ordinance requiring international and interstate testing.

The ordinance is scheduled to sunset at 11:59pm on April 13th. That date was picked as it is the first regularly schedule Assembly meeting of the month.

CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA
ORDINANCE NO. 988

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WHEREAS, the Wrangell Borough Assembly is committed to minimizing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on Wrangell's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, one measure available to protect the community is to conduct COVID-19 testing on individuals arriving into the Borough and require such individuals to take certain precautions prior to receipt of a negative result; and

WHEREAS, these measures assist in identifying and protecting against positive cases before significant community spread can occur; and

WHEREAS, the Wrangell Airport and the Alaska Marine Highway System ferry terminal are the primary points-of-entry for persons traveling into Wrangell from interstate and international locations; and

WHEREAS, SEARHC, under State of Alaska funding, has been conducting COVID-19 testing at the Wrangell Airport for the last several months; and

WHEREAS, this testing is available for those traveling by all modes into Alaska; and

WHEREAS, this testing is currently scheduled to continue until the end of June, 2021; and

WHEREAS, this testing has been instrumental in alerting the SEARHC Wrangell Medical Center and Emergency Operations Center to positive cases coming into the community; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has recently modified its travel orders to recommend, rather than require, the testing of interstate and international travelers into Alaska; and

WHEREAS, it is in Wrangell's best interest to continue to require the testing of interstate and international travelers coming into the City and Borough of Wrangell via all modes, in order to quickly discover and isolate infected persons who arrive in Wrangell from outside the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Wrangell has the authority to implement temporary travel testing mandates relating to international and interstate into Wrangell via

all modes in order to protect the health of all people living in and traveling to the community; and

WHEREAS, the conditions of this Emergency Ordinance are designed to provide the least necessary restrictions.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA:

SECTION 1: AUTHORIZATION. This is a non-codified EMERGENCY ORDINANCE provided for in the Home Rule Charter of the City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska Section 2-11.

SECTION 2: APPLICABILITY. The City and Borough of Wrangell Assembly requires that all international and interstate travelers arriving into Wrangell via the airport or the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) ferry terminal, by private transportation carrier to the airport or harbors or docks if applicable, or by personal transportation modes to the airport or harbors or docks, be tested prior to or upon arrival, with details as follows:

I. All Travelers Arriving into Wrangell:

- a. Complete a Travel Declaration Form and a Self-Isolation Plan in the Alaska Travel Portal at www.alaska.covidsecureapp.com.
- b. Any person currently positive with COVID-19 cannot travel to Wrangell until they have been released from isolation, or cleared for travel, by a medical provider or public health agency.

II. Alaska resident and non-resident travelers arriving into Wrangell from another community within Alaska must adhere to one of the following options, with special considerations outlined in Section III:

- a. **Pre-travel molecular-based test for SARS-CoV2 with negative results:**
The traveler should submit negative test results from a test within 72 hours of departure into the Alaska Travel Portal or have proof of a negative test available to show screeners at the airport upon arrival.
- b. **Pre-travel molecular-based test for SARS-CoV2 without results:**
The traveler should submit proof of a test taken within 72 hours of departure into the Alaska Travel Portal or have proof available of having taken a test to show screeners at the airport.
 - i. The traveler should follow strict social distancing until test results are available.
 - ii. The traveler should upload test results to the Alaska Travel

Portal when received, regardless of the test result (it will say negative or positive).

- iii. The traveler should obtain a second test 5-14 days after arrival. If the results of the molecular-based test for SARS CoV2 are **positive**, the traveler must remain in self isolation at their own expense. The traveler must not travel until cleared by State of Alaska Public Health (1-800-478-0084).

c. No pre-travel molecular-based test for SARS CoV2:

If a traveler (aged 11 years or older) arrives without proof of a negative test result, or proof of a test taken within of 72 hours of departure to Wrangell, they must test at the Wrangell Airport.

- i. The traveler should follow strict social distancing until test results are received.
- ii. The traveler should obtain a second test 5–14 days after arrival.

III. Special Considerations

- a. Alaskan residents may elect to not be tested, provided that they strictly self- quarantine, at their own expense, for a period of fourteen (14) days after arrival into Wrangell.
- b. Children 10 years of age and younger are exempt from testing requirements. However untested children travelling with a parent or guardian should remain in the same status as the parent or guardian.
- c. The provisions of this ordinance shall not apply if application would delay or limit emergency travel into Wrangell by Law Enforcement Officers, Healthcare Workers, or personnel from the Office of Children’s Services while functioning in their official capacity.

IV. Prior confirmed positive results within 90 days of departure - All Travelers:

- a. The traveler does not need to obtain a test for SARS CoV2, whether immediately before travel or upon arrival, if both of the following conditions are met:
 - i. The traveler provides proof of a previously positive result of a molecular-based test of SARS CoV2 within 90 days of departure; and
 - ii. The traveler is currently asymptomatic.

V. Requirements for Critical Infrastructure Workforce Travel:

Travel into Wrangell by workers in critical infrastructure workforce, as is defined in the Cyber and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) “Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce.” must follow the instructions and protocols contained in the employer’s Community Workforce Protective Plan on file with the State. If a Plan has not

been filed, or if that Plan does not contain protections or protocols for workers traveling into Wrangell from the employer's general work site, workers must follow this ordinance.

VI. Definitions

- a. Self-quarantine:
 - i. Self-quarantine is required while waiting for the results of your first molecular-based test for SARS-CoV2.
 - ii. Comply with all protocols related to your self-quarantine as set forth by your hotel or rented lodging, if applicable.
- b. Strict Social Distancing:
 - i. Strict social distancing is required while you wait for test results.
 - ii. You can be in an outdoor public place, but you should remain six feet away from anyone not in your immediate household, and you should wear a face covering. You should arrange curbside shopping or have food delivery.
 - iii. You should not enter restaurants, bars, gyms, community centers, office buildings, and school or daycare facilities. Do not participate in any group activities, including sporting events and practices, weddings, funerals, or other gatherings.
- c. Self-Isolation Plan: Every traveler entering the state of Alaska should complete a Self-Isolation Plan within the Alaska Travel Portal. This allows travelers to consider their plan for what they will do if their test results return positive while in Wrangell.
- d. Accepted proof of Alaska residency:
 - i. Alaska driver's license or state-issued ID card.
 - ii. Federally-recognized Alaska tribal identification card.
 - iii. Active duty military ID card or active duty dependent ID card.
 - iv. Employment verification letter on employer letterhead or school verification letter for in-person schooling, stating traveler is moving to Wrangell for employment or school.

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ATTACHMENTS: 1. Ord 989.

RECOMMENDATION MOTION:

Move to approve Emergency Ordinance No. 989.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

As stated in the previous agenda statement accompanying the face covering ordinance, there is new significant risk of spread of COVID-19 in Wrangell. Identifying positive cases through testing upon arrival from locations within Alaska is just as important as testing people coming in from outside

the state. In some instances the risk may be higher from an intrastate location because of community spread. More important reasons for testing upon arrival are outlined in the attached Emergency Ordinance.

This ordinance requires all persons traveling into Wrangell from outside the community, but from within Alaska, arriving via all modes, to adhere to one of the described testing scenarios. The exception is Alaska residents, who may choose to quarantine upon arrival for 14 days in lieu of testing.

All persons arriving in Wrangell, via all modes, are able to use the airport testing service currently scheduled to be in place through June.

This ordinance has no violation or penalty provision. The EOC is respectfully requesting the approval of this ordinance requiring intrastate testing.

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WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Wrangell Assembly is committed to minimizing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on Wrangell's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, there is currently a significant increase in cases in Southeast Alaska, including Wrangell's closest neighboring community; and

WHEREAS, Petersburg is experiencing a major outbreak with 60 active cases, 200 outstanding tests, 2 COVID hospitalizations and two COVID medevacs; and

WHEREAS, our populations mix regularly; and

WHEREAS, we recently had a large gathering of residents in Wrangell; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 testing that has been conducted at the Wrangell Airport for the last several months has been successful in alerting the SEARHC/Wrangell Medical Center and Emergency Operations Center to positive cases coming into the community; and

WHEREAS, it is in Wrangell's best interest to continue to provide for the testing of intrastate travelers coming into Wrangell via any mode of transportation (by air or sea) in order to quickly discover and isolate infected persons who come to Wrangell from within the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the conditions of this Emergency Ordinance are designed to provide the least necessary restrictions.

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III. Special Considerations

- a. Alaskan residents may elect to not be tested, provided that they strictly self-quarantine, at their own expense, for a period of fourteen (14) days after arrival into Wrangell.
- b. Children 10 years of age and younger are exempt from testing requirements. However untested children travelling with a parent or guardian should remain in the same status as the parent or guardian.
- c. The provisions of this ordinance shall not apply if application would delay or limit emergency travel into Wrangell by Law Enforcement Officers, Healthcare Workers, or personnel from the Office of Children's Services while functioning in their official capacity.

IV. Prior confirmed positive results within 90 days of departure - All Travelers:

- a. The traveler does not need to obtain a test for SARS CoV2, whether immediately before travel or upon arrival, if both of the following conditions are met:
 - i. The traveler provides proof of a previously positive result of a molecular-based test of SARS CoV2 within 90 days of departure; and
 - ii. The traveler is currently asymptomatic.

V. Requirements for Critical Infrastructure Workforce Travel:

Travel into Wrangell by workers in critical infrastructure workforce, as is defined in the Cyber and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) "Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce." must follow the instructions and protocols contained in the employer's Community Workforce Protective Plan on file with the State. If a Plan has not been filed, or if that Plan does not contain protections or protocols for workers traveling into Wrangell from the employer's general work site, workers must follow this ordinance.

VI. Definitions

- a. Self-quarantine:
 - i. Self-quarantine is required while waiting for the results of your first molecular-based test for SARS-CoV2.
 - ii. Comply with all protocols related to your self-quarantine as set forth by your hotel or rented lodging, if applicable.
- b. Strict Social Distancing:
 - i. Strict social distancing is required while you wait for test results.
 - ii. You can be in an outdoor public place, but you should remain six feet away from anyone not in your immediate household, and you should wear a face covering. You should arrange curbside shopping or have food delivery.
 - iii. You should not enter restaurants, bars, gyms, community

centers, office buildings, and school or daycare facilities. Do not participate in any group activities, including sporting events and practices, weddings, funerals, or other gatherings.

- c. Self-Isolation Plan: Every traveler entering the state of Alaska should complete a Self-Isolation Plan within the Alaska Travel Portal. This allows travelers to consider their plan for what they will do if their test results return positive while in Wrangell.
- d. Accepted proof of Alaska residency:
 - i. Alaska driver's license or state-issued ID card.
 - ii. Federally-recognized Alaska tribal identification card.
 - iii. Active duty military ID card or active duty dependent ID card.
 - iv. Employment verification letter on employer letterhead or school verification letter for in-person schooling, stating traveler is moving to Wrangell for employment or school.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATES. This ordinance shall be effective upon adoption and shall sunset at 11:59pm on April 13, 2021 unless terminated earlier or extended by action of the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA THIS 2nd DAY OF March, 2021.

CITY & BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA

Stephen Prysunka, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kim Lane, Borough Clerk