



City and Borough of Wrangell
Continuation of Special Emergency Borough Assembly Meeting
AGENDA

Thursday, June 04, 2020
5:30 PM

Location: Teleconference

Resolution No. 03-20-1520 allows for the temporary suspension of in-person Assembly Meetings and allows for teleconference meetings, due to COVID-19, until October 17, 2020 unless terminated before that date.

Teleconference Information for anyone wishing to call into the meeting and speak under
Persons to be Heard

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, June 2nd at 5:00 p.m.** so that
you can be added to the Sign-Up sheet.

You will be called in the order that your request is received.

Please note that KSTK is still broadcasting the Borough Assembly meetings. Therefore, if you wish only
to listen in, you may do so by tuning into KTSK!

To Join by Computer:

<https://zoom.us/j/9078742381?pwd=MTNqSEdncjRyakh2UCtMVUNxMndYUT09>

And Enter the Meeting ID: 907 874 2381

Then Enter Password: 99929

OR

To use your phone, call one of the following numbers:

+1 669 900 9128 US

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**

3. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. EMERGENCY ORDINANCE No. 978** OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, ORDERING PEOPLE TO QUARANTINE FOR 14 (FOURTEEN) DAYS WHEN TRAVELING INTO THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL FROM ANOTHER STATE OR COUNTRY UNLESS PROOF OF NEGATIVE COVID-19 TEST WITHIN 72 HOURS IS PROVIDED TO THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL

6. ADJOURNMENT

**CITY & BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA
BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AGENDA STATEMENT**

<u>AGENDA ITEM TITLE:</u>	<u>DATE:</u>	June 4, 2020
	<u>Agenda Section</u>	5

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SUBMITTED BY:

Lisa Von Bargaen, Borough Manager

FISCAL NOTE:

Expenditure Required: \$XXX Total		
FY 20: \$	FY 21: \$	FY22: \$
Amount Budgeted:		
FY20 \$XXX		
Account Number(s):		
XXXXX XXX XXXX		
Account Name(s):		
Enter Text Here		
Unencumbered Balance(s) (prior to expenditure):		
\$XXX		

Reviews/Approvals/Recommendations

<input type="checkbox"/>	Commission, Board or Committee
Name(s)	
Name(s)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Attorney
<input type="checkbox"/>	Insurance

ATTACHMENTS: 1. Ord 978 - amended

Mayor Prysunka: Please read the motion that is on the floor:

Motion to Approve Emergency Ordinance No. 978.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The Ordinance was revised to require a 14 day mandatory quarantine if proof of compliance with testing requirements outlined in the new State Health Mandate 10.1 cannot be presented upon arrival. The exemption for critical workforce infrastructure was revised to be compliant with the

State Mandate as well. The sunset date was changed to July 1, 2020 unless extended by the Assembly.

State Health Mandate 10.1 requires a mandatory quarantine if persons arriving from outside the state do not follow the required testing. This ordinance is not necessary to ensure a back-up quarantine requirement is in place since the State has included in in their mandate. This ordinance would simply strengthen that provision of the mandate by having a local provision in place.

CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA
ORDINANCE NO. 978

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, ORDERING PEOPLE TO QUARANTINE FOR 14 (FOURTEEN) DAYS WHEN TRAVELING INTO THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL FROM ANOTHER STATE OR COUNTRY UNLESS PROOF OF COMPLIANCE WITH TESTING REQUIREMENTS OUTLINED IN STATE HEALTH MANDATE 10.1 ARE PRESENTED TO OFFICIALS UPON ARRIVAL

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the virus a pandemic; Alaska Governor Dunleavy issued a declaration of public health disaster emergency in response to the anticipated outbreak of COVID-19 in Alaska; and on March 13, 2020 President Donald J. Trump declared a national emergency in response to the virus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of its charter, the City and Borough of Wrangell is a home rule municipality; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020 the Assembly of the City & Borough of Wrangell approved Emergency Ordinance No. 976 issuing a Declaration of Emergency in Wrangell related to COVID-19 and that emergency is still in place; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Pandemic is ongoing; and

WHEREAS, Governor Dunleavy has issued several Health Alerts and Health Mandates that help reduce the spread of COVID-19; and WHEREAS, the City & Borough of Wrangell is committed to minimizing the impacts of the COVID-19 PANDEMIC on Wrangell's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, many of those health mandates have since expired; and

WHEREAS, the Open Alaska Responsibly initiative has been rolled out by the Governor, weakening the mandates; and

WHEREAS, Alaska has had an increase in the number of COVID-19 cases since the State of Alaska reopened on May 22, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the highest reported number of cases in Alaska on one day was 29 new cases reported on Sunday May 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, public health officials describe that COVID-19 is most severe in people older than 60 and people with underlying health conditions like heart disease, lung disease, and diabetes; and WHEREAS, Wrangell, Alaska has one of, if not the, highest number of senior citizens per capita of any community in Alaska; meaning a significant portion of the Wrangell population is at high risk for COVID-19 and related complications; and

WHEREAS, complications from COVID-19 can, among other things, include severe respiratory distress, which may require the use of a ventilator to assist with breathing; and

WHEREAS, Wrangell Medical Center only has three ventilators, so even a small outbreak of persons with COVID-19 related respiratory complications has the potential to overwhelm the capacity of the local healthcare system; and

WHEREAS, the spread of the virus in other areas, specifically those typically used as Medevac destinations from the City and Borough of Wrangell (like Seattle), have overwhelmed some of those healthcare capacities, making care on Wrangell Island more likely to be the only available option; and

WHEREAS, local health experts have warned repeatedly that the capabilities of the Wrangell healthcare system will be quickly overwhelmed if an outbreak occurs in the community; and

WHEREAS, an outbreak has not yet taken place in the City and Borough of Wrangell; and

WHEREAS, as of May 30, 2020, there have been 33 confirmed cases in the nearby City and Borough of Juneau, including recent cases that are under investigation but appear to be travel related; and

WHEREAS, there is great necessity in keeping an outbreak from taking hold in the City and Borough of Wrangell; and

WHEREAS, the City & Borough of Wrangell has a commercial airport and maritime public facilities visited by people from all over the world; and

WHEREAS, the 14-day Self-Quarantine requirement in Governor's Health Mandate 10 has served to protect the City and Borough of Wrangell, and its residents, well

WHEREAS, on May 29, 2020, the Governor described that he intended to only extend the Health Mandate 10 as written until June 5, 2020, and more information would be released during the week of June 1, 2020

WHEREAS, the residents of the City and Borough of Wrangell need and deserve some certainty around which to plan; and

WHEREAS, testing has become more widely available since Health Mandate 10 was issued; and

WHEREAS, Lab testing of possible asymptomatic has proven reliable to an acceptable margin;

WHEREAS, the City and Brough of Wrangell does not have the capacity to test all travelers who come into the community; and

WHEREAS, rapid-read tests have proven less reliable than tests which must be done in a medical lab; and

WHEREAS, fourteen days still appears to be the incubation period of the virus.

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: DECLARATION OF LOCAL HEALTH MANDATE 2: INTRASTATE TRAVEL QUARANTINE CONTINUED. The City and Borough of Wrangell requires ALL travelers arriving from out of state or out of the country, via any mode of transportation, to self-quarantine for 14 (fourteen) days, unless proof of compliance with testing requirements outlined in State Health Mandate 10.1 are presented to officials upon arrival in the City and Borough of Wrangell.

SECTION 3: ESSENTIAL SERVICES/CRITICAL WORKFORCE INFRASTRUCTURE LIMITED EXEMPTION. Businesses qualifying as Essential Services and Critical Workforce in the most recent version of the Governor’s “Alaska Essential Services and Critical Workforce Infrastructure Order” often referred to as “Attachment A, are exempt from this requirement if the exemption standards outlined in State Health Mandate 10.1 are met.

SECTION 4: EFFECTIVE DATES. This ordinance shall be effective upon adoption and shall sunset July 1, 2020 at 11:59pm unless extended by action of the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA THIS 4th DAY OF JUNE 2020.

CITY & BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA

Stephen Prysunka, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Kim Lane, Borough Clerk