

**CITY OF WHITE MOUNTAIN
ORDINANCE NO. 1-12-2021**

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

**A DECLARATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY AUTHORIZING THE
CITY OF WHITE MOUNTAIN TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTIONS TO
REDUCE THE IMPACT AND SPREAD OF COVID-19 THROUGHOUT
THE COMMUNITY OF WHITE MOUNTAIN**

WHEREAS, the City of White Mountain is a political subdivision in the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) that has identified the COVID-19 virus as a new strain of coronavirus not previously identified in humans, causing respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and which poses a significant public health risk; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared a pandemic related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 Governor Mike Dunleavy declared a Public Health Disaster Emergency in the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the State of Alaska recommended implementation of measures identified in the CDC’s Implementation of Mitigation Strategies for Communities with Local COVID-19 Transmission; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 President Donald Trump declared a National Emergency; and

WHEREAS, AS 29.25.030 provides that a governing body may adopt an emergency ordinance at a meeting where it is first introduced and is effective on adoption, provided that the ordinance receives the affirmative vote of all members present or the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the total membership of the governing body, whichever is less;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the City Council as follows:

SECTION 1. Classification. This is a non-Code emergency ordinance.

SECTION 2. Declaration of Emergency. The council declares that the coronavirus threat and impact are a public health emergency.

SECTION 3. Authorization of Emergency Authority.

1. In accordance with City of White Mountain municipal code the Mayor hereby declares the coronavirus threat and impact a public health emergency.
2. The Mayor is authorized to take necessary actions, in accordance with City of White Mountain municipal code, to prepare and position our resources in order to reduce the impact and spread of the coronavirus throughout the City of White Mountain.
3. In addition to any other powers confirmed on the Mayor by law, in order to prepare and position city resources in order to reduce the impact and spread of the coronavirus, the Mayor is authorized to:
 - a) Open intercommunity travel between White Mountain and neighboring villages. The exclusion being travelers from Nome and Anchorage, who must abide by travel requirements imposed by the city of White Mountain.
 - b) Require all travelers upon returning to the community from Nome to take the rapid test and self-isolate for 7. All household members are to quarantine for 7 days. It is recommended for residents to take your temperature with a thermometer two times a day and monitor for fever. Residents must put a notice on the door way of their quarantine schedule.

- c) If an individual does not abide by the requirements, there will be fines. First fine is \$150.00 2. \$250.00 3. \$500.00
- d) The COVID Coordinator and Assistant will meet all passenger flights to make sure that travel policies are followed.
- e) The Clinic staff is required to give documentation of the COVID tests.
- f) No large gatherings will be permitted in the community until further notice.
- g) Residents are encouraged to limit visitation to other homes and no loitering in public places.
- h) Residents are urged to limit unnecessary travel, only essential travel will be accepted and are required to fill out the City of Nome and City of White Mountain travel permit applications for any air or snowmachine travel between White Mountain and Nome.
- i) No one will be allowed to travel to our village from Nome unless absolutely necessary to do so.
- j) Residents should avoid going to the clinic if they are not sick.
- k) Residents that have symptoms of cough and fever of 100.4 or higher must call the nurse triage line 1-844-586-8773 or (907) 443-6411 to make an appointment to be seen.
- l) Freight, cargo, and mail services are still permitted.
- m) Suspend the provisions of any regulatory ordinances prescribing procedures for the conduct of City business, or the orders or regulations of any City department, if compliance with the provisions of the statute, order, or regulation would prevent, substantially impede, or delay action necessary to cope with the ordinance;
- n) Use all the resources of the City government as reasonably necessary to cope with the emergency;
- o) Transfer personnel or alter the functions of the City departments for the purpose of performing or facilitating the performance of emergency management;
- p) Direct and compel the closing or regulation of public accommodations;

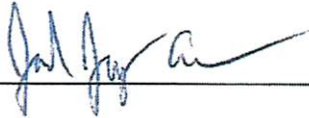
- q) Control ingress to and egress from an affected area, the movement of persons within the area, and the occupancy of premises in it;
 - r) Make provisions for the availability and use of temporary emergency housing;
 - s) Impose a curfew upon all or any portion of the city thereby requiring all persons in such designated and restricted curfew areas to remove themselves from public property, streets, roads, thoroughfares, parking areas, or other public places except that physicians, nurses, health aides, and paramedical personnel performing essential medical services, utility personnel maintaining essential public services, firemen, and city, state and federal authorized law enforcement officers and personnel may be exempted from such curfew; and
 - t) Allocate, ration or redistribute food, water, fuel, clothing and other items as deemed necessary to cope with the disaster emergency.
 - u) Limit non-essential services and businesses to close as necessary.
 - v) Limit all non-essential air, boat, and snowmobile travel to Nome to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and
 - w) Require all travelers traveling from Nome and/or Anchorage to fill out a White Mountain travel permit application for all travel in/out of White Mountain 72-hours prior to expected travel and also a 72 hour negative COVID tests.
 - x) Travelers must take a second COVID-19 test 7 days upon returning to the village from Nome and/or Anchorage and can stop quarantining upon a negative test result; and
 - y) Any employee working with the public or essential employees must get a COVID test done, every other week, to help prevent the spread of the virus.
 - z) Any essential or critical infrastructure workers may make necessary travel into White Mountain for day-trips, or however long is needed, but must have a copy of their negative COVID test, wear a face mask while out in public, maintain safe distancing practices and follow their safety plan listed on their travel permit.
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- aa) Close contacts with a positive COVID test, all household must quarantine for 14 days plus a 7-14 day rapid test to get out of quarantine.
- bb) Children from ages 10 and older may enter and shop at the store unsupervised, while children younger than 10 must be supervised and accompanied by an adult while in the store.
4. At all times when orders made and promulgated pursuant to this declaration of emergency shall be in effect, they shall supersede all existing ordinances, orders, rules and regulations insofar as the latter may be inconsistent therewith.
5. Masks are required in all public places.
6. Should the Mayor become unable to fulfill these duties, the order of succession shall be followed, Vice Mayor, Treasurer, Secretary, etc. and then the City Clerk

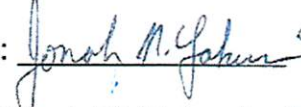
Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance is effective immediately upon adoption on January 12, 2020 unless otherwise rescinded or extended by the City of White Mountain City Council. Emergency ordinances are effective for 60 days.

CERTIFICATION

This foregoing resolution is adopted on January 12, 2020 by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council of White Mountain with a vote of 7 in favor, 0 absent and 0 abstaining and 0 against.

Signed: 

Jack J. Adams, Vice-Mayor

Attest: 

Jonah N. Yakunin, City Clerk