

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Emergency Ordinance #21-57

**AN ORDINANCE BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL
EXTENDING THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY ISSUED THROUGH
ORDINANCES 21-30, 21-16, 21-08, 21-02, 20-38, 20-32, 20-29, 20-11,
20-09, 20-08, 21-38, 21-46, 21-51**

- WHEREAS,** on March 11, 2020, the State of Alaska declared a public health emergency in response to an anticipated outbreak of COVID-19 in Alaska;
- WHEREAS,** on March 24, 2020, Bethel City Council adopted Ordinance #20-08; authorizing the City Manager and City Council to modify or suspend sections of the Bethel Municipal Code regarding public meetings and participation, procurement, contracts, leases and personnel rules in order to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the City during a State-declared public health emergency;
- WHEREAS,** on March 25, 2020, the Bethel City Council adopted Ordinance #20-09, finding the existence of a public health emergency related to the COVID-19 outbreak, incorporating by reference the declaration of local disaster emergency issued by the Acting City Manager and Mayor on March 24, 2020; seeking state and federal funding assistance; and issuing certain health advisories, and requests consistent with state and federal law;
- WHEREAS,** the potential extent and effect of COVID-19 cannot yet be known, it remains vital for the City of Bethel to be prepared and take all needed precautions until there is no longer a threat;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Bethel, Alaska:

Section 1. Finding of Emergency. The Bethel City Council finds that an emergency exists in the City of Bethel due to the outbreak of COVID-19, which has been declared a global pandemic and a state and national public health emergency.

Section 2. Classification. This ordinance is not permanent in nature and is a non-codified ordinance that shall not become part of the Bethel Municipal Code.

Section 3. All provisions of Ordinance #20-11, as amended, remain in effect.

Section 4. Effective and Expiration Date: This ordinance is effective immediately upon
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Introduced by: Mayor Springer
Introduction and Public Hearing Date: December 14, 2021
Action: Does not carry
Vote: 5-1

adoption by the City Council and shall remain in effect for a period of sixty (60) days.