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ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Emergency Ordinance Serial No. 2021-07(am)

**An Emergency Ordinance Amending the COVID-19 Travel Mandates in
Emergency Ordinance 2021-05(b).**

WHEREAS, CBJ Charter 5.4(a) provides the Assembly may adopt an emergency ordinance to meet a public emergency by an affirmative vote of at least six assembly members; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and is caused by the SARS-Cov-2 virus (“virus”), a new strain of the coronavirus that has not been previously identified in humans and is easily transmittable person to person; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (“WHO”) declared the virus a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the State of Alaska declared a public health emergency in response to the anticipated outbreak of the virus in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump declared a national emergency in response to the virus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Assembly declared a local emergency in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2020, the City and Borough of Juneau (“CBJ”) received its first positive case of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Juneau International Airport and the Juneau ferry terminal are the primary point-of-entries for persons traveling into Juneau; and

WHEREAS, as of February 25, 2021, there have been more than 1286 confirmed cases in the City and Borough of Juneau, of which a substantial percentage are travel related and attributable to community spread; and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau Assembly enacted Emergency Ordinance 2021-05(b) on February 11, 2021, which continued the State of Alaska travel mandates for people arriving into the City and Borough of Juneau and expires at 12:01 a.m. on May 26, 2021, unless terminated earlier by the Assembly by motion or upon the State of Alaska adopting a superseding order; and

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2021, the State of Alaska identified that non-residents traveling into the State no longer had to pay the \$250 for a COVID-19 test upon arrival and fully vaccinated people did not have to follow strict social distancing requirements while awaiting test results.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance is a noncode ordinance.

Section 2. Amendment of Emergency Ordinance 2021-05(b), Intrastate Travel Order. Emergency Ordinance 2021-05(b) Section 2, Intrastate Travel Order, is amended by adding the following:

“(E) Exemptions for Fully Vaccinated Individuals:

(1) Fully-vaccinated travelers should follow pre-travel testing protocols, but do not need to follow strict social distancing while they are awaiting test results.

(2) Fully-vaccinated is defined as more than two weeks following receipt of the second dose in a two-dose series, or more than two weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine.”

Section 3. Amendment of Emergency Ordinance 2021-05(b), International and Interstate Travel Order. Emergency Ordinance 2021-05(b) Section 3, International and Interstate Travel Order, is amended as follows:

“ ...

(C) Requirements for All Travelers Entering the City and Borough of Juneau: All travelers, Alaska resident and non-residents alike, who are arriving in the City and Borough of Juneau from outside Alaska must comply with one of the following options, with special considerations for Alaska residents outlined in subsection 3(d):

...

(3) No pre-travel molecular-based test for SARS-CoV2: If a non-resident traveler (age 11 or older) arrives in the City and Borough of Juneau without proof of a negative test result or proof of a test taken within 72 hours of departure, they will be required to test at the airport at no cost. Residents may obtain a **molecular-based test for SARS-CoV2 upon arrival** in the City and Borough of Juneau at no cost.

...”

“(H) Exemptions for Fully Vaccinated Individuals:

(1) Fully-vaccinated travelers should follow pre-travel testing protocols, but do not need to follow strict social distancing while they are awaiting test results.

(2) Fully-vaccinated is defined as more than two weeks following receipt of the second dose in a two-dose series, or more than two weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine.”

Section 4. Amendment of Emergency Ordinance 2021-05(b), Critical Infrastructure Order. Emergency Ordinance 2021-05(b) Section 5, Critical Infrastructure Order, is amended by adding the following:

“(G) Exemptions for Fully Vaccinated Individuals:

(1) Fully-vaccinated travelers should follow pre-travel testing protocols, but do not need to follow strict social distancing while they are awaiting test results.

(2) Fully-vaccinated is defined as more than two weeks following receipt of the second dose in a two-dose series, or more than two weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine.”

Section 5. Amend the Effective Date of Emergency Ordinance 2021-05(b).

Emergency Ordinance 2021-05(b) shall be effective immediately upon the expiration of the State of Alaska declaration of a public health disaster emergency in response to COVID-19, which is scheduled to occur on February 14, 2021. Emergency Ordinance 2021-05(b) expires at 12:01 a.m. on May 1, 2021, unless terminated earlier by the Assembly by motion or upon the State of Alaska adopting a superseding order.

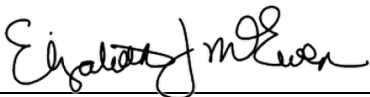
Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 1st day of March, 2021.



Beth A. Weldon, Mayor

Attest:



Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk