CITY OF NUIQSUT

PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY ORDER EO-10
IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

ISSUED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NUIQSUT ("CITY") PERSUANT TO CITY OF NUIQSUT RESOLUTION 20-03.

The COVID-19 pandemic has generated a public health emergency that threatens to overwhelm the health system of the entire State of Alaska. Furthermore, the City has limited health resources and we must take steps to slow and contain the threat; such steps require coordinated community action. This order is put forward to preserve the health and safety of our community.

PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED TO ME BY THE CITY COUNCIL UNDER RESOLUTION 20-03, I HEREBY PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING EMERGENCY REGULATIONS TO BE EFFECTIVE AS OF 12:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021, TO PRESERVE LIFE IN AND ADJACENT TO THE CITY. THE FOLLOWING EMERGENCY REGULATIONS HAVE THE POWER OF LAW, SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL 11:59 P.M. ON FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2021, AND SHALL SUPERCEDE ALL CONFLICTING LAWS DURING THE EXISTENCE OF THIS EMERGENCY. [EO-09 IS SUPERCEDED BY THIS EO-10.]

Preamble

The City of Nuiqsut was incorporated as a Second Class City in 1975 under the laws of the State of Alaska. The State of Alaska DCRA certified population in 2018 of Nuiqsut was 481.

Article X, Local Government, Section 1, Purpose and Construction, of the Alaska Constitution, provides, "The purpose of this article is to provide for maximum local self-government with a minimum of local government units, and to prevent duplication of tax-levying jurisdictions. A liberal construction shall be given to the powers of local government units."

The villages around Nome were decimated by the 1918/1919 Spanish Flu pandemic where on October 20, 1918, a flu virus was introduced into Nome by persons traveling to Nome on the S.S. Victoria which killed 162 Native Alaskan residents of Nome in eight days; during the same 1918 flu pandemic only 80 of 150 residents of Teller, near Nome, survived; during the 1918 flu pandemic 170 out of 310 residents of Wales, near Nome, died; however, during the 1918 flu pandemic in the Nome area, the villages of Shishmaref and Shaktoolik by posting guards and enforcing a rigid quarantine were not infected with the flu virus.

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As posted on November 16, 2020, on the State of Alaska website, **Health Order 8: Intrastate Travel**, found at [https://covid19.alaska.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Outbreak-Health-Order-No-8-Intrastate-Travel.pdf](https://covid19.alaska.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Outbreak-Health-Order-No-8-Intrastate-Travel.pdf), specifies the limitations on community restrictions, and that Critical Infrastructure must be allowed to travel into rural towns, but follow safety plans; defines critical personal needs for residents that need to leave communities; and implements a testing strategy and protocols for individuals traveling from road system communities to off-road system.

**CITY OF NUIQSUT EMERGENCY ORDER EO-10**

1. All residents of the City of Nuiqsut shall practice social distancing, practice good personal hygiene as much as possible, and wear a mask or face covering, even if vaccinated, in all public areas in-order-to minimize the spread of COVID-19.

2. Residents should work responsibly at their places of work and observe the practices set out in 1, above.

3. It is strongly recommended, in accordance with the Center for Disease Control guidance, that certain residents should take even greater precaution: Anyone particularly at-risk from COVID-19 should reduce exposure by staying home, not physically going to work, and not doing their own shopping, if possible. These include any individuals 60 years of age and older, and individuals with a serious underlying medical condition. Members of households with these individuals should also implement these more stringent guidelines.

4. If you are sick or suspect you may have the COVID-19 virus, and have a fever, cough or difficulty breathing, call the Uyagagvik Health Clinic before you go to there and follow directions given to you by the health aides. This will help prevent the disease from spreading to people in your home and our community.

5. All residents who are returning home from any other location MUST, for their protection and the health and safety of their families, friends, and residents of Nuiqsut, obtain a COVID-19 test before departing for their trip to Nuiqsut or complete a COVID-19 test at the Uyagagvik Clinic and quarantine while waiting for results. Quarantine for 10 days if no test is done. If any signs of COVID-19 appear – fever, dry-cough and/or shortness of breath - persons shall contact the Clinic immediately. CPAI employees who reside in Nuiqsut and work at Alpine must have a negative COVID-19 test at Alpine before coming home to Nuiqsut and must have a negative COVID-19 test at the Arctic Wolf Camp before returning to work at Alpine.

6. Visitors and guests coming to Nuiqsut shall provide negative COVID-19 test results to the City of Nuiqsut (cityclerk@cityofnuiqsut.org), practice social distancing as much as possible, follow good personal hygiene, i.e., frequent hand washing and, in appropriate settings, i.e., in the store, wear face mask or face covering when in public areas. Persons using the Community Winter Access Trails ("CWAT") shall not enter Nuiqsut unless an emergency requires such entry and then those persons using the Community Winter Access Trails ("CWAT") while in Nuiqsut to deal with the emergency must comply with number 1 above as well as limit contacts with local residents to prevent the disease from spreading to people in our homes and our community.

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7. Residents shall follow all health mandates issued by Governor Dunleavy, the Alaska Department of Health and Human Series (DHSS) which can be found at https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-order/ and guidance from the U.S. Center for Disease Control (CDC) which can be found at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html.

8. Alaska Essential Services and Critical Workforce Infrastructure Order, formerly Attachment “A” originally issued on March 27, 2020, first amended on April 10, 2020 and last amended on May 5, 2020, shall be followed by all persons and entities coming into and working in the City of Nuiqsut. This Order is attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and can be found at http://dl.icdst.org/pdfs/files3/6fbcee1e552b0a1adc0fd488d9dc2f65.pdf.

9. Persons and companies travelling into the City of Nuiqsut for critical infrastructure jobs shall submit a travel, protective and work plan to akcovidplans@ak-prepared.com and the City of Nuiqsut [mayor@cityofnuiqsut.org and joe@jwevanslaw.com] for review and approval. Guidance for this type of critical infrastructure travel, protective and work plans can be found at https://covid19.alaska.gov/unified-command/protective-plans/. This plan shall include, inter alia, self-monitoring by employees, wearing of masks by employees, social distancing, the number of employees coming into the City and how long the employees will be in the City of Nuiqsut and be in compliance with State of Alaska Outbreak Health Orders found at https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-order/ and State of Alaska FAQs at https://covid19.alaska.gov/faq/ and State of Alaska Health Mandate 18, dated May 22, 2020, at https://covid19.alaska.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/05112020-COVID-MANDATE-018-Intrastate-Travel.pdf.

10. Critical Infrastructure Workers (CI) shall limit social mixing, pre-travel test before coming to Nuiqsut, stay masked and socially distant from community residents, and limit access to facilities that are not part of the CI workers’ worksite or lodging. CI Workers traveling to Nuiqsut in support of emergency requirements must coordinate access with the City of Nuiqsut if the situation does not allow time for pre-travel testing, such as a power outage, communications failure, damage to infrastructure, or other situations that require emergency travel.

11. Because the COVID-19 pandemic is still with us and will be for the foreseeable future, the “new normal” must be as set out herein. Relaxing our vigilance and returning to pre-pandemic norms will allow the deadly virus to return to our Village with deadly consequences.

Dated this 3rd day of March 2021, at Nuiqsut, Alaska.

Robert Pardue
The Honorable Robert Pardue
Acting Mayor, City of Nuiqsut

Attachment: Exhibit “A” - Alaska Essential Services and Critical Workforce Infrastructure Order [5 pages]