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ISSUED BY THE MAYOR OF CITY OF UTQIAġVIK (“CITY”) PURSUANT TO CITY OF UTQIAġVIK ORDINANCE 2.12.100.

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

PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED TO ME BY THE CITY COUNCIL UNDER ORDINANCE #06-2020, I HEREBY PROCLAIM THE FOLLOWING EMERGENCY REGULATIONS TO BE EFFECTIVE AS OF 5:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2020, 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 MONDAY, MAY 18, 2020, AND SHALL SUPERSEDE ALL CONFLICTING LAWS DURING THE EXISTENCE OF THIS EMERGENCY.

1. All residents of the City shall hunker down and shelter in place as much as possible, in order to minimize any spread of COVID-19.

2. Residents should stay home and work from home as much as possible, except to work in essential services and at critical infrastructure jobs (as defined in the State of Alaska Essential Services and Critical Workforce Infrastructure Order (https://gov.alaska.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/03232020-COVID-19-Health-Mandate-010-Attachment-A.pdf)); to buy, sell, or deliver groceries or other critical goods; to receive or provide health care; and to get fresh air without coming within 6 feet of non-household members.

3. Non-essential, non-public facing businesses may only resume operations if they meet all the requirements in the Governor’s Mandate 016, Attachment H

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4. The City encourages residents to continue to conduct business via telephone or electronic communications as much as possible.

5. On the limited occasions when individuals leave their home, they should maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet from any person outside their household whenever possible, wear masks when maintaining a 6-foot distance is impractical, and practice recommended hygiene.

6. 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 and follow these more stringent guidelines.

7. If you are sick or suspect you may have the COVID-19 virus, and have a fever, cough or difficulty breathing, call your healthcare provider, and immediately isolate anyone who is ill. Help prevent the disease from spreading to people in your home and our community.


11. All entertainment facilities within the City shall remain closed to the public, including theaters, gyms, gaming locations and bingo halls, both those owned by the City and those privately owned. [DATED this 7th day of May, 2020.

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Fannie Mitiktaun Suvlu, Mayor