CHIGNIK BAY TRIBAL COUNCIL

Ordinance 2020 - 06

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE CLOSING THE VILLAGE OF CHIGNIK BAY TO NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL FROM OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE

WHEREAS: The Village of CHIGNIK BAY ("Village") is a federal recognized tribe and the Chignik Bay Tribal Council is its elected governing body; and

WHEREAS: The State of Alaska, the United States, and the entire World is experiencing a pandemic of a novel coronavirus called COVID-19; and

WHEREAS: The COVID-19 virus has been identified by the United States Center for Disease Protection and Prevention ("CDC"), the World Health Organization, and other experts as a new strain of coronavirus which is very contagious, can cause serious respiratory disease, and poses a serious public health risk; and

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

WHEREAS: On March 13 President Donald Trump declared a National Emergency; and

WHEREAS: The CDC has recommended that all persons at higher risk of COVID-19 avoid all nonessential air travel, and the U.S. State Department has advised all U.S. Citizens to avoid all international travel; and

WHEREAS: On March 23 Governor Mike Dunleavy issued Health Mandate 10.1 that requires all people arriving in Alaska from other states or countries to immediately self-quarantine for 14 days; and

WHEREAS: Numerous doctors in Alaska have called on the Governor to ban all non-essential travel in the state; and

WHEREAS: Rural Alaska suffered terribly from the great flu pandemic of 1918-1919, but a few villages successfully avoided infection by imposing rigid quarantines and preventing outsiders from entering; and

WHEREAS: At the time of this ordinance there are no known cases of COVID-19 in Chignik Bay;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Chignik Bay Tribal Council as follows:

Section 1. Declaration of Emergency. The Chignik Bay tribal Council declares that the COVID-19 coronavirus threat is a public health emergency. This action is taken under the inherent sovereign authority of the Chignik Bay Tribal Council to protect the health and safety of its members.

Section 2. Non-essential Travel to the Village Prohibited.

a. **Prohibition.** Effective at midnight April 10, 2020, all travel into Chignik Bay by persons who are not engaged in essential services is prohibited. This applies to travel from other villages as well as from regional centers and Anchorage, and to all forms of transportation including air travel, snow machine, and other ground and water transportation.

b. **Essential services.** Persons engaged in essential services are:

- Health professionals and other emergency responders dispatched by the state or federal governments or the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation.
- Law enforcement personnel from the state or federal government.
- Pilots and other air carrier personnel delivering freight and mail, or transporting passengers engaged in essential services.
- Other "critical infrastructure workers" as identified by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in its March 19, 2020 ***Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce: Ensuring Community and National Resilience in COVID-19 Response*** and approved by the Tribal President.

c. **Exceptions.** The prohibition on travel in this ordinance does not apply to:

- Residents of Chignik Bay who are outside the village for medical care for themselves or a close relative or who leave Chignik Bay for medical emergencies may return to Chignik Bay when their treatment is concluded, provided that they have certification from a doctor that they have been tested and are not infected with COVID-19.

Section 3. Self-Quarantine. Any person arriving in Chignik Bay under Section 2.c. Exceptions shall self-quarantine for 14 days in accordance with the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services guidelines published in Health Mandate 10.1 on March 23, 2020.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance is effective immediately upon enactment and will remain in effect until rescinded or superseded by further action of the Chignik Bay Tribal Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chignik Bay Tribal Council urges the City of Chignik and Far West Native Corporation to adopt an emergency ordinance ceasing non-essential travel into and out of Chignik Bay effective 12:01 am April 10, 2020 until the COVID-19 Virus is no longer a threat to the community of Chignik Bay, and requiring anyone traveling into the community to self-quarantine for a period of no less than 14 days.

Certification of Adoption

This certifies that the above Ordinance was enacted by the Chignik Bay Tribal Council at a duly called special meeting, on April 9, 2020 by unanimous approval, and that a quorum was present.

Roderick E. Carlson
Roderick Carlson, Tribal President

Attest:

J S Carlson
Jeanette Carlson, Tribal Secretary

Debbie Carlson
Debbie Carlson, Tribal Administrator