

2020 CITY OF VALDEZ MAYOR'S COVID-19 ECONOMIC RECOVERY TASK FORCE

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CITY OF VALDEZ COVID-19 RELIEF & RECOVERY INITIATIVE PROPOSAL

THREE PHASE PLAN

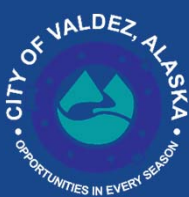
- PHASE 1 (Immediate Emergency Assistance)** – Immediate relief in the form waiving interest charges for delinquent City utility bill payments. Effectively defers bill payments to assist those struggling economically. Able to approve quickly and prior to April automatic payment date for utilities.
- PHASE 2 (Direct Economic Relief)** - Direct assistance to each Valdez household (must file to receive economic relief funding). Suspend City fees, including land leases fees, and Harbors fees.
- PHASE 3 (Economic Recovery)** - Create Task Force or committee of citizens aided by City staff to target sectors of Valdez economy for recovery assistance.



CITY OF VALDEZ COVID-19 PURPOSE OF MAYOR'S COVID-19 ECONOMIC RECOVERY TASK FORCE

What is the Purpose of Mayor's Economic Recovery Task Force?

- To determine the most effective method for the City of Valdez to support the long term economic recovery of the community.
- Develop a timeline for recommendations and actions.
- Define the Need-Develop a plan for assessing economic impact (get information from State and Federal governments, survey community, develop business impact survey, utilize other community resources like Valdez COVID-19 U.)
- Establish the connection between Federal and State assistance and local supplemental assistance (City of Valdez assistance should compliment State and Federal assistance, not replace).
- Develop recovery strategies.
- Determine implementation plan (i.e. applications for assistance, promotion of programs)
- Determine funding necessary and the source of funds.



MAYOR'S COVID-19 ECONOMIC RECOVERY TASK FORCE MEMBERS

- Mayor Pro Tempore Sharon Scheidt -CHAIR
- Collen Stephens, Stan Stephens Glacier and Wildlife Cruises
- Mike Williams, Totem Inn and Suites
- Mike Wells, Valdez Fisheries
- Will Stark, First National Bank of Alaska
- Dave Dengel, Former City Manager/CEO Copper Valley Telecom
- John Duhamel, Former CEO Copper Valley Electric Association



MAYOR'S COVID-19 ECONOMIC RECOVERY CURRENT CITY PROGRAMS

Programs Already approved:

- Suspended interest and penalties for utility bills until further notice.
- Suspended interest and penalties for most City fees until further notice.
- Provided \$1750 assistance for each household and business in Valdez.

Programs under consideration:

- Waive all water, sewer, and trash utility bills for 3rd and 4th quarter.
- Waive and rebate all Harbor fees.

Programs to be considered by the Task Force:

- Waive and rebate all City building and lease fees in 2020.
- Suspend late fees and penalties for property taxes due in August and October of 2020.

