City of Valdez



Legislation Text

File #: RES 20-0018, Version: 1

ITEM TITLE:

#20-18 - Authorizing the Continuance of the COVID-19 Local Government Disaster Declaration

SUBMITTED BY: Sheri Pierce, City Clerk

FISCAL NOTES:

Expenditure Required: Click here to enter text. Unencumbered Balance: Click here to enter text.

Funding Source: Click here to enter text.

RECOMMENDATION:

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SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Resolution No. 20-18 authorizes the continuance of the emergency declaration issued on March 17,2020 for a period of 30 days (April 20, 2020), or until the COVID-19 virus is no longer declared a federal or state emergency, whichever occurs first.

Alaska Statutes Section 26.23.140 which governs the declaration of a local disaster reads as follows:

A local disaster emergency may be declared only by the principal executive officer of a political subdivision. It may not be continued or renewed for a period in excess of seven days, except by or with the consent of the governing board of the political subdivision. An order or proclamation declaring, continuing, or terminating a local disaster emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity, and shall be filed promptly with the Alaska division of homeland security and emergency management and the appropriate municipal clerk.

The effect of a declaration of a local disaster emergency is to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local or inter-jurisdictional disaster emergency plans, and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under those plans.

A representative of an inter-jurisdictional disaster planning and service area may not declare a local disaster emergency unless expressly authorized by the principal executive officer of each political subdivision in the emergency area.