City Council Joint Work Session with the NVE Tribal Council  
April 16, 2020 @ 3:00 pm  
Cordova Center Community Rooms  
and via YouTube and Teleconference

Agenda

A. Call to order

B. Roll call

Chairman Darrel Olsen, Tribal Council members Tom Andersen, Pam Smith, Jack Hopkins and Raven Cunningham.

Mayor Clay Koplin, Council members Tom Bailer, Cathy Sherman, Jeff Guard, Melina Meyer, Anne Schaefer, David Allison and David Glasen

C. Work Session topic

1. Ideas for working together and sharing resources during the 2020 COVID-19 Pandemic

2. Items for possible discussion:
   a. AK Small Community Emergency Travel.......................... (page 1)  
      order amended April 9, 2020
   b. 04-13-2020 ADF&G Press Release “Sport .................. (page 4)  
      and Personal Use Fishing Restrictions  
      Related to Health Mandate 012”

D. Adjournment

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To prevent the spread of the disease caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19), the State of Alaska is issuing this Order based on its authority under the Public Health Disaster Emergency Declaration signed by Governor Mike Dunleavy on March 11, 2020.

This Order remains in effect until amended, rescinded, or superseded by further Order of the Governor.

Certain emergency travel is imperative during the COVID-19 pandemic for both public health and safety as well as community well-being.

I. ORDER APPLICABILITY

The order is applicable to Alaskan communities that are removed from the road system, have a population smaller than 3,000 as of the effective date of this order, and do not house a Critical Access Hospital, Sole Community Hospital or Acute Care Hospital (“Small Community”).

II. SMALL COMMUNITY TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS AND EXCEPTIONS

a. A Small Community may adopt travel restrictions that are more restrictive than otherwise permitted in Health Mandate 012 subject to the limitations below.

b. Notwithstanding Subsection II.a. above, Small Communities may not prohibit or restrict in any manner the following travel:

   i. Emergency First Responders (includes fire, ambulatory services, and other similar emergency first responders);

   ii. Law Enforcement acting within their official duties (this includes federal, state and local law enforcement personnel, as well as corrections personnel);

   iii. Office of Children’s Services personnel responding to reports of child abuse and neglect and insuring child safety;

   iv. Essential Governmental Services personnel needed to ensure the continuing operations of government agencies including to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

   v. Persons engaged in subsistence fishing and in the fishing industry including
the fisherman, processors, guides, and transporters of the fish as well of those under contract with the fisherman, processors, guides, and transporters for provisioning; and

vi. Residents returning to the resident’s home from outside the Small Community that show no signs or symptoms of COVID-19.

c. A Small Community may, in regards to Essential Government Services personnel traveling pursuant to Subsection II.b.iv., take the following actions:

i. Require personnel to wear face coverings as recommended in Health Alert 010 issued April 3, 2020 by the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) when personnel are in the Small Community;

ii. Reasonably limit access of personnel to laundromats, grocery stores, gas stations, convenience stores, and hardware stores to certain hours of the day to limit the physical interaction of residents and personnel; and

iii. Prohibit personnel from entering residences in the community that are not their own lodgings.

d. A Small Community may, in regards to personnel traveling pursuant to Subsection II.b.v. and businesses employing such personnel, take the following actions:

i. Require businesses to submit the travel plan or protocol that the business submitted to the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development pursuant to Health Mandate 010 or 012 to the community, and the Small Community may enforce the provisions of that plan;

ii. Require businesses to provide their plan for how they intend to quarantine personnel who develop a fever, cough or shortness of breath (collectively “Symptoms”) while in the Small Community;

iii. Require businesses to provide their plan for how they intend to provide their own medical evacuation;

iv. Require screening for Symptoms a minimum of 48 hours (“Health Screening”) prior to traveling to the Small Community and prohibit personnel who manifest any Symptoms during this screening from travelling to the Small Community;

v. Upon arrival in the Small Community, require a Health Screening, if requested and reasonably available, and prohibit personnel who manifest Symptoms from staying in the Small Community;

vi. Require all personnel covered by Subsection II.b.v to wear face coverings as recommended in Health Alert 010 issued April 3, 2020 by DHSS when personnel are outside their personal lodgings and in the Small Community;
vii. Reasonably limit access of all personnel covered by Subsection II.b.v to laundromats, grocery stores, gas stations, convenience stores, and hardware stores to certain hours of the day to limit the physical interaction of residents and personnel; and

viii. Prohibit all personnel covered by Subsection II.b.v from entering residences in the community that are not their own lodgings.

All personnel covered by Subsection II.b.v traveling to work in a Small Community from outside the State of Alaska must comply with Health Mandate 010, including the requirement to self-quarantine for 14 days once they arrive. Such personnel required to self-quarantine may do so at their work location in the Small Community in which they will ultimately work, or within 50 miles of any Alaskan community on the road system that has a population greater than 25,000 people.

e. A Small Community may require its residents returning to the village pursuant to Subsection II.b.vi. to self-quarantine in the individual’s residence for up to 14 days following their return and take other reasonable measures in order to prevent that individual from spreading the virus that causes COVID-19.

III. DUTIES OF AIR CARRIERS AND OTHER TRAVEL RELATED BUSINESSES

a. Air carriers and other travel related business conducting travel to Small Communities shall inquire if travelers are permitted to travel under this order and shall rely upon a traveler’s assurance that they are eligible to travel. Air carriers and other travel related businesses shall have no other duty or obligation to verify that travelers meet the criteria for permissible travel under this order.
Sport and Personal Use Fishing Restrictions Related to Health Mandate 012

(Juneau) - The Alaska Department of Fish and Game is informing the public that Health Mandate 012 – Intrastate Travel states “all instate travel between communities, whether resident, worker, or visitor, is prohibited unless travel is to support critical infrastructure, or for critical personal needs”. Sport and personal use fishing have not been identified as supporting critical infrastructure or a critical personal need. The purpose of this mandate is to control the movement of individuals to communities within Alaska in order to prevent, slow, and otherwise disrupt the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Although travel between communities is prohibited under the health mandate, the public may still travel to fishing locations. When traveling to participate in sport or personal use fisheries that occur outside of their communities of residence, the public must follow these guidelines: 1) Try to find the resource you intend to pursue as close to your home residence as possible; 2) Find out local mandates in communities through which you plan to travel before you leave. You must abide by them; 3) Totally provision your trip from your community of origin. Don’t plan on buying food, drinks or even fuel (if possible) after you begin your trip and until you return home; 4) Practice social distancing while sport or personal use fishing with anyone not considered part of your immediate household, including while traveling from your community to your fishing location; and 5) Wear face coverings as suggested in Health Alert 010 issued April 3, 2020.

Adherence to these stipulations will allow Alaskans the opportunity to fish and put food on their tables while taking measures to protect public health and allow time to build needed health infrastructure. Please adhere to the stipulations to ensure these opportunities can continue. Be safe and considerate of others.

The state of Alaska will be reevaluating Health Mandate 012 on April 21, 2020 and these restrictions will be in effect until that time.

The full text of Health Mandate 012 can be found at:
https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/

and FAQs specific to this mandate can be found at:
http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/default.aspx

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