

Resolution No. 2021-01

Subject: Municipality of Anchorage Emergency Order EO-17

Whereas; the Taku/Campbell Community Council is a private, non-profit, voluntary, self-governing association composed of residents, property owners, and representatives from the Taku/Campbell Community Council neighborhood designated by the Anchorage Assembly; and

Whereas; the purpose of community councils is to provide a direct and continuing means of citizen participation in government and local affairs; and

Whereas; six or more other Community Councils have passed a substantially similar resolution; and

Whereas; Emergency Order EO-17, dated January 12, 2021, continues to place the burden on the hospitality industry and was inexplicably extended to April 2021; and

Whereas; vaccines are actively being administered to the citizens with cases trending downward since mid-November, 2020; and

Whereas; the Order continues the layoffs of thousands of employees earning minimum wage, creating financial suffering of not being unable to provide for themselves or moving to jobs outside the municipality for the past 11 months; and

Whereas; the majority of the hospitality industry complied out-of-pocket with the mandates to keep their customers and staff safe the past 11 months.

Whereas; decisions made under Emergency Orders have been unbalanced ignoring the human cost of their consequences such as unemployment, massive layoffs, homelessness, depression, suicide, creating a mental, physical, social and economic crisis; and

Whereas; the emergency order failed in providing adequate support or aid to the public affected through decisions made discriminately toward the hospitality industry, other businesses and their employees; and

Whereas; WHO and the CDC have stated shutdowns create societal costs;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved; the Taku/Campbell Community Council requests the Acting Mayor of the Municipality of Anchorage to immediately rescind or substantially modify Emergency Order-17;

Therefore, Be It Further Resolved; the Taku/Campbell Community Council requests the if the Acting Mayor declines to rescind Emergency Oder EO-17, the Assembly of the Municipality of Anchorage revoke emergency powers granted to the Acting Mayor.

Adopted, the 11th day of February, 2021 by the Taku/Campbell Community Council.