

**PETERSBURG BOROUGH  
ORDINANCE #2020-10**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FY 2019/2020 BUDGET TO ESTABLISH A  
LOCAL EMERGENCY DISASTER FUND TO RESPOND TO THE COVID-19  
OUTBREAK**

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 virus a pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, numerous cases of COVID-19 within the State of Alaska have been identified, and the Borough Assembly declared a Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency in Petersburg on March 16, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, emergency protective measures have been taken in Petersburg to respond to the COVID-19 emergency, pursuant to Chapter 3.72 of the Petersburg Municipal Code, and those measures will likely need to be continued for a period of weeks, or potentially months; and

**WHEREAS**, it is expected that there will be further significant impacts to Borough services during this declared emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of the emergency measures were not considered in the budget adopted by the Borough in June of 2019, and thus require a budget amendment and an appropriation; and

**WHEREAS**, establishing a Local Disaster Response Fund within the budget is critical, providing immediate resources for Borough services during this declaration of emergency, and enabling the Borough to respond quickly to urgent needs as coordinated by the Borough civil emergency preparedness and emergency services office; and

**WHEREAS**, FEMA may provide up to a 75 percent federal cost share at a later date for eligible appropriations under category B of FEMA's Public Assistance Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Assembly has already approved Emergency Ordinance #2020-09, which created, for a period of 60 days, a Local Disaster Response Fund and approved an emergency appropriation in the sum of \$200,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Assembly now wishes to confirm creation of the Fund and make the appropriation on a nonemergency basis.

**THEREFORE, THE PETERSBURG BOROUGH ORDAINS** that the Borough FY 2019/2020 budget is hereby amended to establish a Local Disaster Response Fund (Fund 800), and to appropriate the sum of \$200,000 from the General Fund into the Local Disaster Response Fund, for use in connection with the COVID-19 emergency. This is the same appropriation made under Emergency Ordinance #2020-09, and is not intended to be an additional appropriation.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that all such appropriated funds not needed for the COVID-19 emergency (or funds later reimbursed by FEMA) will be transferred back to the General Fund upon termination of the emergency.

**Section 1. Classification:** This ordinance is of a permanent nature and shall not be codified in the Petersburg Borough Code.

**Section 2. Purpose:** The purpose of this ordinance is to establish a Local Disaster Response Fund (Fund 800) for use, and to appropriate the sum of \$200,000 from the General Fund into the Local Disaster Response Fund, for use in connection with the COVID-19 emergency.

**Section 3. Severability:** If any provision of this ordinance or any application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and the application of other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

**Section 4. Effective Date:** This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Passed and approved by the Petersburg Borough Assembly, Petersburg, Alaska this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

Attest:

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Mark Jensen, Mayor

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Debra K. Thompson, Borough Clerk

Adopted:  
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