

**PETERSBURG BOROUGH
ORDINANCE #2020-09**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FY 2019/2020 BUDGET TO
ESTABLISH A LOCAL EMERGENCY DISASTER FUND AND APPROVE AN
EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION INTO THE 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 emergency 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, Borough Charter Section 3.03 provides for Emergency Ordinances that in the judgment of the Assembly are necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists as it is vital that the Borough be able to respond rapidly and efficiently to the evolving public emergency which exists and there is insufficient time to follow ordinary ordinance adoption procedures in the existing time frame.

THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Petersburg Borough Assembly, 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.

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.

Classification: This Emergency Ordinance is of a non-permanent nature and shall not be codified in the Petersburg Borough Code.

Effective Date: This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Passed and approved by the Petersburg Borough Assembly, Petersburg, Alaska this 6th day of April, 2020.

Attest:

Jeigh Stanton Gregor, Vice Mayor

Debra K. Thompson, Borough Clerk

Adopted:
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Effective: