

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 21-54

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VALDEZ,
ALASKA, RESCINDING THE COVID-19 LOCAL GOVERNMENT
DISASTER DECLARATION

WHEREAS, on September 29, 2021, Mayor Sharon Scheidt declared a local government disaster in Valdez due to the impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic on our local hospital and the ability of healthcare providers to care for the sick and injured; and

WHEREAS, Section 6 of the local government disaster declaration set a benchmark for revisiting or rescinding this declaration as the point in time when the Providence Alaska medical system is no longer operating under crisis standards of care; and

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2021, Valdez City Council passed Resolution No. 21-40, extending the COVID-19 local government disaster declaration until rescinded by Valdez City Council; and

WHEREAS, Section 2 of the extension of the local government disaster declaration set a benchmark for revisiting this declaration as the point in time when the Providence Alaska medical system is no longer operating under crisis standards of care or the second regular City Council meeting in December 2021, which occurred first; and

WHEREAS, on December 2, 2021, the City of Valdez received notice from Providence Valdez Medical Center administration that while the state of Alaska crisis standards of care protocol remains in place, the Providence Alaska hospital system had not needed to utilize their triage committee or elements of crisis standards of care for the past several weeks; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Title 9, Chapter 9.36.060 of Valdez Municipal Code, the mayor or city council may only issue emergency mandates to protect public peace, health, safety, or general welfare **during a declared emergency** as permitted by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Valdez, Alaska, that:

Section 1. The **City of Valdez COVID-19 Local Government Disaster Declaration** signed by Mayor Scheidt on September 29, 2021 and extended on September 30, 2021 by Resolution No. 21-40 of the Valdez City Council **is hereby rescinded** based upon established benchmarks.

Section 2. **City of Valdez Local Public Health Mandate #004 (Mask Mandate)** passed by Valdez City Council on September 30, 2021 and extended by Valdez City Council on November 2, 2021 (Amendment No. 1) **is hereby rescinded** in

accordance with the parameters established for emergency mandates in Title 9 of Valdez Municipal Code.

Section 3. **While the Local Government Disaster Declaration and Health Mandate #004 are now rescinded, the COVID-19 pandemic is not yet over.** We ask our community to continue to follow CDC, Alaska DHSS, and local medical provider guidance related to masking, physical distancing, testing, isolation, and quarantine. Please consider COVID-19 vaccination, including booster vaccination, for your family. Please consider risk for yourself, your family, your friends and co-workers, and our community when making decisions. Please continue to do what Valdezeans do best – work together to support each other so we can keep our community healthy, our children in schools, and our businesses open.

Section 4. The City of Valdez remains committed to continuing our ongoing partnership with the Valdez medical team and other local stakeholders to address community concerns related to COVID-19.

Section 5. The City of Valdez remains ready to quickly pivot and reinstate a local disaster declaration or other mitigation measures if and when pandemic conditions change.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of December, 2021.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA


Sharon Scheidt, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk

