



CITY OF SAINT PAUL

ALASKA

MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Phillip A. Zavadil, City Manager

CC: Aubrey Wegeleben, City Clerk; Stephanie Mandregan, Finance Director

DATE: March 10, 2023

RE: Emergency Ordinance 23-90 - An Emergency Ordinance of the Council of the City of Saint Paul Regarding Mitigation/Protective Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Throughout Saint Paul Island

SUMMARY: Emergency Ordinance 23-90 extends the City of Saint Paul COVID-19 mitigation/protective measures for an additional 30 days.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: Council extended this emergency ordinance for an additional 30 days on February 16, 2023.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION: On March 26, 2020, the City Council approved a resolution declaring COVID-19 a local emergency and established a travel ban. In April of 2020 City Council approved the first emergency ordinance regarding mitigation/protective measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 throughout Saint Paul Island. Over the past three years there have been numerous versions of this emergency ordinance. Community COVID-19 mitigation measures have included:

- Pre-travel testing
- Post travel testing
- Post travel quarantine ranging from 5 days to 14 days
- Resident and essential worker travel only
- Social distancing
- Use of anġiliisiġ (breath catchers/face masks/face coverings)
- Community/Workforce Protection Plans

The current proposed emergency ordinance requires travelers to submit a pre and post travel COVID-19 test.

The Biden administrative has announced plant to end the COVID-19 public health emergency and national emergency on May 11, 2023.

ALTERNATIVES: Council could choose not to extend this emergency ordinance.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The cost to implement this emergency ordinance is minimal at this point in time.

LEGAL: No significant changes have occurred to this emergency ordinance for several months; therefore the City's general legal counsel has not reviewed Emergency Ordinance 23-90.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION: None.

PROPOSED MOTION: I move to approve Emergency Ordinance 23-90.

ATTACHMENTS: EO 23-90 and Alaska COVID-19 and Influenza Weekly Case Update-February 26 – March 4, 2023.