

Introduced By: Mayor Eberhart
Date: November 25, 2013

RESOLUTION NO. 4595

**A RESOLUTION CONTINUING THE DISASTER EMERGENCY
DECLARED BY MAYOR EBERHART FOR THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS**

WHEREAS, on or about November 12, 2013, a severe winter storm occurred in the Fairbanks area; and

WHEREAS, the Fairbanks area received substantial and heavy precipitation in the form of freezing rains and wet snow. The area also experienced winds up to 70 mph, resulting in a large number of downed trees and damaged power lines, which created extensive and long lasting power and phone outages; and

WHEREAS, these condition resulted in power outages to an estimated 16,000 area residences initially; and

WHEREAS, subsequently, a cold weather front settled in the Tanana Valley, and the area is expected to experience temperatures dropping to well below zero. The weather conditions within the area have resulted in actual threats to life and further damage to property; and

WHEREAS, Golden Valley Electric Association (GVEA), the local electric cooperative, continues to have line crews working 24 hours a day and has asked for and received mutual aid from other utilities statewide and yet anticipates power outages to continue in areas for several more days; and

WHEREAS, there is a severe lack of communication to those residents still without power to determine if individual assistance is necessary; and

WHEREAS, residents will not begin to recover from this emergency until actual damage to property caused by frozen domestic water systems and failed heating systems is determined after power is restored to residences with long-term outages; and

WHEREAS, the emergency has caused the need to open warming centers and ready overnight shelters for those individuals without power, heat and water; and

WHEREAS, the disaster/emergency set forth above continues to threaten the safety, security and livelihood of City of Fairbanks residents. The severity and magnitude of the emergency is beyond the timely and effective response capability of individual and local resources; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Mayor declared a Disaster Emergency for the Fairbanks North Star Borough; and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2013, Mayor Eberhart declared a Disaster Emergency for the City of Fairbanks; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Alaska Statute Sec. 26.24.140, the Mayor's declaration of a disaster emergency for the City of Fairbanks may only be continued or renewed for a period in excess of seven days with the consent of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that the declaration of a disaster emergency should be continued until such time as the Council believes that the declaration is no longer necessary,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS, that the Mayor's Declaration of Disaster Emergency, issued on November 19, 2013, is hereby continued until such time as the Council deems appropriate.

FURTHERMORE, the Council joins in the Mayor's request that the Governor of the State of Alaska declare a Disaster Emergency to exist as described in AS 26.23 and to provide State assistance to the City of Fairbanks in its response and recovery from this event.

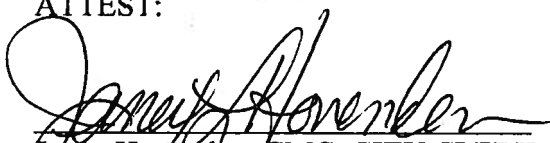
PASSED and APPROVED this 25th day of November 2013.



JOHN EBERHART, MAYOR

AYES: PASSED and APPROVED on the Consent Agenda
NAYS:
ABSENT:
APPROVED: November 25, 2013

ATTEST:



Janey Hoyenden, CMC, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Paul J. Ewers, CITY ATTORNEY

CITY OF FAIRBANKS

PROCLAMATION A DECLARATION OF A DISASTER EMERGENCY WITHIN THE CITY OF FAIRBANKS AND REQUESTING STATE AND FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

WHEREAS, on or about November 12, 2013, a severe winter storm occurred in the Fairbanks area; and

WHEREAS, the Fairbanks area received substantial and heavy precipitation in the form of freezing rains, wet snow and up to 70 mph winds resulting in a large number of downed trees damaging power lines and creating extensive and long lasting power and phone outages; and

WHEREAS, the conditions which have brought about this disaster emergency resulted in power outages to an estimated 16,000 area residences initially; and

WHEREAS, subsequently, a cold weather front settled in the Tanana Valley and the area is expected to experience temperatures dropping to well below zero. The weather conditions within the area have resulted in actual threats to life and further damage to property; and

WHEREAS, Golden Valley Electric Association (GVEA), the local electric cooperative, continues to have line crews working 24 hours a day and has asked for and received mutual aid from other utilities statewide and yet anticipates power outages to continue in areas for several more days; and

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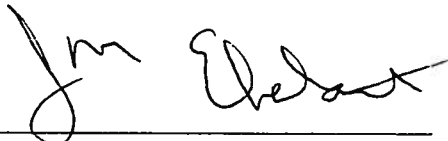
WHEREAS, the disaster/emergency set forth above continues to threaten the safety, security and livelihood of City of Fairbanks residents. The severity and magnitude of the emergency is beyond the timely and effective response capability of individual and local resources; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Mayor has declared a Disaster Emergency for the Fairbanks North Star Borough,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Mayor of the City of Fairbanks does declare a Disaster Emergency as per AS 26.23.140 to exist within the City of Fairbanks; and,

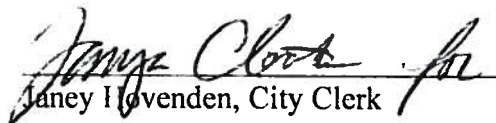
FURTHERMORE, it is requested that the Governor of the State of Alaska declare a Disaster Emergency to exist as described in AS 26.23 and provide State assistance to the City of Fairbanks in its response and recovery from this event.

PROCLAIMED AND DECLARED this 19th day of November, 2013.



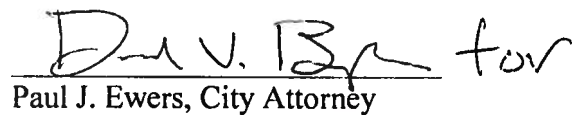
John Eberhart, City Mayor

ATTEST:



Janey Hovenden, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Paul J. Ewers, City Attorney