

RESOLUTION NO. 4946, AS AMENDED

A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE MAYOR'S DECLARATION OF A DISASTER EMERGENCY, EXTENDING THE TEMPORARY PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 6126 REGARDING TELEPHONIC PARTICIPATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AND CONDUCT OF COUNCIL MEETINGS, AND EXTENDING THE MAYOR'S AUTHORITY REGARDING THE USE OF CITY EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS

WHEREAS, since March, the Mayor and City Council have taken many actions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including the efficient and effective disbursement of CARES Act funds to the community; and

WHEREAS, recently there has been good news concerning vaccines for the coronavirus, but unfortunately the pandemic has not yet been brought under control in the city, in the state, or in the nation; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, Mayor Matherly issued a Declaration of a Disaster Emergency Within the City of Fairbanks for the COVID-19 Pandemic and Requesting State and Federal Assistance, which has been extended four times (Resolutions 4907, 4909, 4913, and 4928, as Amended) and is set to expire on December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Council enacted Ordinance No. 6126 that authorized telephonic participation by council members at City Council meetings and authorized the Mayor to modify the provisions of the Fairbanks General Code regarding the conduct of public meetings through May 31, 2020, which were extended two times (Resolutions No. 4913 and 4928, as Amended) and are set to expire on December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 4928, as Amended, authorized remote participation of council members and members of the community using an online platform; and

WHEREAS, the Council granted the Mayor the authority (Ordinance 6128) to approve the use of city equipment and personnel outside the city limits during the COVID-19 emergency, which was extended twice (Resolutions No. 4913 and 4928, as Amended) and is set to expire on December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, an extension of the Mayor's declaration of emergency and the provisions of Ordinances No. 6126 and 6128 are warranted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Fairbanks, that the Mayor's Declaration of a Disaster Emergency Within the City of Fairbanks for the COVID-19 Pandemic and Requesting State and Federal Assistance is hereby extended through June 30, 2021, unless extended or terminated by further resolution of the City Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the temporary provisions of Ordinance No. 6126, authorizing the telephonic participation of council members at City Council meetings and authorizing the Mayor to modify provision of the Fairbanks General Code regarding public meeting and the temporary provision approved by Resolution 4928, as Amended, allowing remote participation of council members and community members via an online platform, are hereby extended through June 30, 2021, unless extended or terminated by further resolution of the City Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the temporary provisions of Ordinance No. 6128, allowing the Mayor to authorize the use of city equipment and personnel outside the city limits to help ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community during the current public health emergency, are hereby extended through June 30, 2021, unless extended or terminated by further resolution of the City Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council encourages the citizens of Fairbanks to social distance and use masks to protect themselves and others from the coronavirus.

PASSED and APPROVED this 14th Day of December 2020.



Jim Matherly, Mayor

AYES: Therrien, Rogers, Clark, Gibson, Kun, Marney
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
APPROVED: December 14, 2020

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



D. Danyielle Snider, MMC, City Clerk

Paul J. Ewers, City Attorney