ORDINANCE #25
PITKA’S POINT TRADITIONAL COUNCIL
TRIBAL DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

AN ORDINANCE OF THE NATIVE VILLAGE OF PITKA’S POINT TO ENFORCE TRIBAL DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Section 1. Title and Introduction

This Ordinance may be cited as the “Enforcement of Tribal Declaration of Public Health Emergency”

Section 2. Purpose and Authority

The purpose of this Ordinance is to enforce the Tribal Declaration of Public Health Emergency. The Native Village of Pitka’s Point, as a sovereign nation has the authority to enact and enforce regulations for the health and welfare for its community. The Center of Disease and Control (CDC) has issued a healthcare emergency due to COVID-19. On July 1, 2020, the Pitka’s Point Tribal Council also declared a healthcare emergency and enacted specific procedures and regulations to ensure the safety of people. This Ordinance is intended to enforce the procedures required by the Pitka’s Point Traditional Council in the Tribal Declaration.

Section 3. Adoption of Enforcement of Tribal Declaration of Public Health Emergency

The Pitka’s Point Traditional Council adopts the following Enforcement Ordinance:

The following Ordinance will be adopted:

1) Enforcement of Tribal Declaration of Public Health Emergency
   a. On July 1, 2020, the Pitka’s Point Traditional Council, the governing body for the Native Village of Pitka’s Point issued a Tribal Declaration of Public Health Emergency and set out specific requirements of people entering the Native Village of Pitka’s Point to follow.
   b. Hence forth, all people entering the Native Village of Pitka’s Point must abide by the policies and procedures in the Declaration or be subjected to penalty pursuant to the Tribe’s sovereign authority and the Tribal Constitution.
   c. Any first-time violators of the Tribal Declaration will be subjected to a fine not more than $500.00.
   d. Any subsequent violators of the Declaration will be subjected to a fine not more than $1000.
   e. All complaints or concerns must be in writing, addressed to the Pitka’s Point Tribal Council. The Tribal Council will have the authority to fine any subsequent violations.

Section 4. Amendment Clause

The Pitka’s Point Traditional Council reserves the right to make any changes to this Ordinance.
Certification of Ordinance

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We hereby certify, Ordinance Number Twenty Five (25) was Emergency PROPOSED and APPROVED at a Special Council Meeting Held on 1st day of July, 2020 Due to the Public Health Emergency COVID-19.

Ordinance Number Twenty Five (25) was adopted by a duly Constituted Quorum of the Pitka's Point Traditional Council on 1st day of July, 2020 at the Special Meeting.

Abigail Lamont, Vice President
Martha Wasky, Secretary
Charlie Sallison, Member
Tribal Declaration of Public Health Emergency

COVID-19 is a foreign virus that can cause fatal and severe pneumonia and organ failure in elders and people with existing health conditions including diabetes, asthma, heart disease and lung disease.

COVID-19 is spread through the air and can be breathed in or picked up from surfaces where the germs have landed.

The only method known to stop the spread of COVID-19 is to not have any contact with an infected person. There is no cure.

People infected with COVID-19 may not become sick for up to 14 days but can still pass the dangerous virus silently to others.

WHEREAS: The Pitka’s Point Tribal Council is the Tribal Governing Body for the Native Village of Pitka’s Point, and;

WHEREAS: The foreign disease novel coronavirus COVID-19 has spread throughout the world and has now been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization; and

WHEREAS: COVID-19 can be deadly for elders and people with common existing health complications; and

WHEREAS: COVID-19 is spread through the air from person to person through breathing, coughing, or sneezing and from contact by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it; and

WHEREAS: The President of the United States has issued guidance intended to slow the spread of COVID-19; and
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Pitka’s Point Traditional Council declares a Public Health Emergency to protect our community from the new threat COVID-19. We will follow the guidance of the Center for Disease Control and health professionals in implementing urgent health strategies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Pitka’s Point Tribal Council is authorized to take necessary actions, in accordance with the Constitution of the Pitka’s Point Tribal Council; Article XII, POWERS Section 1.h., To promote the peace, safety, health, and general welfare of the members of the Pitka’s Point Village.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, To protect our people, our community, and our traditional way of life from this sickness, the following policies and strategies will be formally adopted, effective immediately:

1. All non-essential travel is prohibited. Essential travel, if possible, shall be postponed until the COVID-19 threat is subsided.

2. People who are returning to the community as well as their household members will have a mandatory 14-day quarantine in which they are to have no contact with other people for the protection of our people. The quarantine shall last at least 14 days, even if the person is healthy and shows no symptoms. If the quarantined person does become sick, quarantine shall last for 14 days from the last date they report symptoms, or until medical attention is needed.

3. Elders and people with existing health conditions need to stay at home and limit their contact with others substantially. Maintaining a distance of at least six feet can protect a person from cough or sneeze but the virus can live on surfaces like a table or door handle for days.

4. Out of town visitors are prohibited, to include visitors snowmachining and boating, excluding Saint Mary’s Residents.

5. Those that are not following this mandate may be fined by the Pitka’s Point Traditional Council up to $1000.

6. As per Governor Dunleavy’s “Alaska Small Community Emergency Travel Order” Pitka’s Point is considered a small community and will be adopting this to ensure our community is protected from COVID-19 but asking that all out of town workers that may be considered essential workers by the State of Alaska must contact the Tribe prior to travel and obtain approval before traveling. This is all workers excluding Emergency First Responders, Law enforcement, and Office of Children’s Services.
7. All persons traveling must get written approval from the Pitka's Point Tribal Administrator prior to travel (including those returning from jail and those being discharged from any hospital.)

8. The Pitka's Point Tribal Council will track all persons arriving in Pitka's Point, Alaska to ensure all are quarantined for a total of 14 days, regardless of their purpose of travel.

9. Youth non-family gatherings with ten or more people (ie: lapgame) are prohibited.

10. All persons shall wear a facemask in public places to prevent the spread of COVID-19 unless you have exceptions such as children under 2 years old and/or a doctors.

11. All persons living in Pitka's Point shall abide by the COVID-19 Alaska State Mandates.

CERTIFICATION

The Declaration was passed by the Pitka's Point Tribal Council, of which a quorum was present, with a vote _3_ yes; and _0_ no; and _0_ abstaining; _2_ absent, _0_ excused on this 1st day of July 2020.

Vice President: Abigail Lamont

Secretary/Treasurer: Martha Wasky