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Advisory, and Reopening Public Facilities

## **For Immediate Release**

At the Craig City Council meeting on May 7, 2020 the Craig City Council discussed Craig Resolution 20-07, which issued a stay in place advisory and Craig Ordinance 725, which set a quarantine policy for intrastate travelers who had recently traveled to or through Alaska communities with confirmed cases of COVID-19.

Resolution 20-07 was set to expire on May 8<sup>th</sup> unless extended by the council. This advisory asked Craig residents to generally “hunker down”, avoid going into public when possible, and advised non-essential businesses to close. During the discussion the council determined that with State Health Mandate 016 and businesses reopening in Alaska, that the stay in place advisory should not be extended. The general stay in place advisory for Craig expires on May 8<sup>th</sup> and is no longer in effect.

Craig Ordinance 725 was enacted on April 16<sup>th</sup> and was authorized to be in effect for 60 days unless rescinded by the mayor or extended by the council. This ordinance enacted a 14 day quarantine policy for all persons traveling to Craig from communities off of Prince of Wales Island where there were confirmed cases of COVID-19. This measure was authorized under State Health Mandate 012, Intrastate Travel, since Craig qualifies as a small community under the criteria shown in Attachment B to that mandate. At the regular council meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup> the council asked the mayor to rescind the quarantine policy effective May 8<sup>th</sup>. The quarantine policy for intrastate travel to Craig is no longer in effect as of that date.

It is important to note that the expiration or ending of these local policies does not change any of the requirements set out in State Health Mandates, including Mandate 010 which requires reporting and quarantine for persons who have traveled from outside the State of Alaska within the past 14 days. Mandate 010 is currently in effect until May 19<sup>th</sup> unless extended by the governor.

State Health Mandate 016, issued on April 24<sup>th</sup> and updated on May 7<sup>th</sup> allow for reopening of a variety of businesses and activities in the State of Alaska. Craig city staff has been reviewing the requirements outlined in this mandate, and its attachments, to determine which city facilities may be reopened to the public and under what circumstances. The city plans on reopening facilities over the next couple of weeks based on this guidance. Facilities that will likely reopen (with limited services) over the next two weeks include the Craig DMV, TWIC/Hazmat/TSA Pre-

Check services, library, recreation facilities, harbor offices, and city hall. The Craig pool, hot tub, sauna, and fitness center will remain closed for construction work that was already scheduled to start June 1<sup>st</sup>. Based on the state guidance at the time, the pool and associated facilities will open when construction work is complete late this summer. Pool pass holders will be credited for time that the pool is closed due to both COVID-19 and the construction project.

City staff will continue to post information on Craig facility reopening on the city web site as they are scheduled.

The City of Craig will continue to monitor COVID-19 reports and information and provide links and up to date information about the City of Craig response at the city's website. For information go to [www.craigak.com](http://www.craigak.com) or [www.craigak.com/covid](http://www.craigak.com/covid).

Contact information for City of Craig departments and services.

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