

Kenai Peninsula Borough
Office of Emergency Management

MEMORANDUM

TO: Brent Hibbert, Assembly President
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

THRU: Charlie Pierce, Mayor *CP*

FROM: Dan Nelson, Senior Manager - OEM *DN*

DATE: December 10, 2020

RE: Resolution 2020-084 Extending the Disaster Emergency Declaration for the Kenai Peninsula Borough Issued Due to the Current and Expected Imminent Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic to March 31, 2020
(Mayor)

The borough continues to feel the impact of COVID-19 and the response to it within the borough and its service areas. As we work with the state and communities on vaccination planning, infection rates are such that there is still a coordinated response taking place at all levels.

With the response, particularly when dealing with backfill of staff that are in quarantine or under circumstances caused as a result of COVID-19, there are significant expenses still being incurred. As CARES funding is scheduled to expire on December 30, the borough may be transitioning to FEMA reimbursement or other currently unknown funding sources.

A pre-requisite for FEMA public assistance is a local disaster declaration being in affect when claimed costs are incurred. Because of the high costs still being incurred due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the administration is requesting an extension to the disaster declaration for another three months to ensure that all avenues of reimbursement and assistance are available to the borough, reducing the burden on local taxpayers.

Your consideration is appreciated.