

# CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

## Resolution 21-19

### **A RESOLUTION BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL RESPONDING TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY, ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR IN-PERSON PARTICIPATION AT CITY MEETINGS**

**WHEREAS,** the COVID-19 case rates are again at staggering levels requiring the City of Bethel to ensure mitigation measures are provided for our volunteers, staff, and residents when hosting our governmental meetings;

**WHEREAS,** as the City prepares to return to the City Hall, Council Chambers, certain mitigations will need to be strengthened to help ensure participants are able to maintain social distancing in the smaller space;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of Bethel, Alaska, as follows:

**Section 1.** In the interest of maximizing participation for our public meetings while also protecting our community and region, the Bethel City Council implements the following standards for all committee, commission, board, and council meetings of the City of Bethel:

1. Appointed and elected officials on committees, commissions, or the City Council may participate in-person or virtually.
2. Members of the public shall participate virtually by Zoom video or conference call.
3. Public meeting support staff (ex-officio member, city manager, city clerk) shall attend the meeting in person.
4. All governmental bodies will continue to use Zoom as a participation option for public meetings, and committee, commission, and council members will have the option to participate in person or virtually.
5. All governmental bodies will accept written public testimony for people to be heard and public hearings.
6. Volunteer members or staff shall not attend meetings in person if they have traveled out of Bethel within the last 10 days unless they are fully vaccinated.
7. Volunteer members and staff shall not attend meetings in person if they have symptoms of COVID-19, if a member of their household has tested positive for COVID-19 and is under quarantine, or if they have tested positive for COVID-19 and are under quarantine.
8. Social distancing when meeting in person shall be maintained to the fullest extent

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possible, and the in-person meetings shall be limited to ten people or fewer if possible.

9. Proper mask wearing is required for all participants regardless of distance from others, food will not be permitted, and all surfaces will be thoroughly cleaned before and after meetings.

**Section 2. Effective and Expiration Date.** This Resolution is effective immediately upon adoption and shall remain in effect until the Emergency Ordinances which extend the COVID-19 Emergency expires, unless otherwise amended by the City Council.

**ENACTED THIS 26 DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021 BY A VOTE OF \_ IN FAVOR AND \_ OPPOSED.**

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Mark Springer, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lori Strickler, City Clerk