

**SPECIAL ASSEMBLY MEETING  
THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA**

September 29, 2021 6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers/Zoom Webinar/FB Livestream  
Meeting #2021-24; <https://juneau.zoom.us/j/93917915176> or 1-253-215-8782 Webinar ID:  
939 1791 5176, Immediately Followed by Assembly Finance Committee Meeting

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**IV. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**A. Proclamation: National Drive Electric Week**

**B. Proclamation: Energy Efficiency Day**

**V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Assembly will follow COVID protocols in accordance with CDC guidelines, CBJ ordinances & resolutions, and COVID mitigation strategies at the time of the meeting. Assemblymembers will be meeting in person, to the extent possible. **In-person public participation will be limited on a first come, first served basis in accordance with room capacity protocols. All attendees will be required to wear a mask regardless of vaccination status.** *Attendees in excess of the room capacity protocols may be requested to participate via Zoom webinar.* Testimony time will be limited by the Mayor based on the number of participants. Members of the public are encouraged to send their comments in advance of the meeting to [BoroughAssembly@juneau.org](mailto:BoroughAssembly@juneau.org). For up to the minute meeting calendar/details with links to the Zoom webinars, check our online CBJ Meeting Calendar at <https://juneau.org/calendar>.

**VI. AGENDA TOPICS**

**A. PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance 2021-42 An Ordinance Reestablishing the City and Borough of Juneau COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies and Providing for a Penalty.**

The existing COVID-19 Community Mitigation Strategies (Ord. 2021-33am) are set to expire on October 31, 2021. Due to a surge of COVID-19 case activity, increased community spread, and significantly restricted medevac capacity, the Emergency Operations Center believes it is in the best interest of

the community to extend the current COVID mitigation measures until June 1, 2022.

The Community Mitigation Measures are the same as adopted in Ordinance 2021-33 except the penalty section has been reinserted. The lack of a penalty provision has decreased the effectiveness of the mitigation measures and confused community messaging.

**The City Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this ordinance.**

## **VII.ADJOURNMENT**

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**Office of the Mayor  
City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska**

**Proclamation  
National Drive Electric Week 2021 – September 25 - October 3, 2021**

**Whereas**, the City and Borough of Juneau is a demonstrated leader in electric transportation boasting a dozen public and private charging stations and is a leading EV community in the United States; and

**Whereas**, the City and Borough of Juneau deployed Capital Transit's first all-electric bus this year; and

**Whereas**, the City and Borough of Juneau has received additional federal funding for purchases of electric buses that are helping Juneau accelerate electric bus transformation for Juneau's Capital Transit system; and

**Whereas**, the Juneau Commission on Sustainability has assisted and advised on Juneau's electric public transportation efforts to make Juneau a leading electric bus community in the United States; and

**Whereas**, September 25 - October 3, 2021 has been designated as National Drive Electric Week throughout the United States to educate our citizens about the benefits of plug-in electric vehicles and to promote their adoption in which Juneau, Alaska was the first Alaska city to participate and 2021 marks the 8th year of participation; and

**Whereas**, Juneau's Drive Electric Week is a road rally event that will take place on Saturday, October 2 at 300 Egan Drive at the Juneau District Heating Lot for a line up at 12 PM with the EV road rally commencing shortly thereafter and the Juneau EV driving public is encouraged to attend and show their support for Juneau's electric vehicle transformation.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Beth A. Weldon, Mayor of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska, on behalf of the City and Borough Assembly, do hereby issue this proclamation marking September 25 through October 3, 2021 as

**National Drive Electric Week**

in the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereto set my hand and caused the seal of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska, to be affixed this 29th day of September, 2021.



  
Beth A. Weldon, Mayor

**Office of the Mayor  
City & Borough of Juneau, Alaska**

**PROCLAMATION - ENERGY EFFICIENCY DAY, October 6, 2021**

WHEREAS, October has been designated as National Energy Action Month to encourage citizens to save energy, water, and money, strengthen U.S. energy security, and build a more robust economy; and

WHEREAS, a nationwide network of energy efficiency partners has designated the first Wednesday in October as national Energy Efficiency Day to emphasize the important role energy plays in our nation; and

WHEREAS, the Juneau Renewable Energy Strategy lays out a path to make Juneau a leader in energy efficiency and renewable energy to replace dependence on fossil fuels for space heating and transportation; and

WHEREAS, Juneau received world recognition for its leadership in emergency energy efficiency measures through our community response to the 2008 and 2009 avalanches which shut off most hydroelectricity supplies; and

WHEREAS, energy efficiency continues to be the cheapest, quickest, and cleanest way to meet our energy needs and reduce utility bills for residential, business, and industrial customers; and

WHEREAS, citizens of the City and Borough of Juneau approved an energy efficiency bond measure that funds energy efficiency improvements within municipal facilities; and

WHEREAS, together Juneau residents can contribute to our community's sustainability efforts by learning more about energy efficiency and practicing smarter energy use in their daily lives.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Beth A. Weldon, Mayor of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska, on behalf of the City and Borough Assembly, do hereby issue this proclamation naming October 6, 2021 as

**Energy Efficiency Day**

in the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereto set my hand and caused the seal of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska, to be affixed this 29th day of September, 2021.



  
Beth A. Weldon, Mayor

Presented by: The Manager  
Presented: 09/13/2021  
Drafted by: R. Palmer III

**ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA**

**Serial No. 2021-42**

**An Ordinance Reestablishing the City and Borough of Juneau COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies and Providing for a Penalty.**

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and is caused by the SARS-Cov-2 virus (“virus”), a new strain of the coronavirus that has not been previously identified in humans and is easily transmittable person to person; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (“WHO”) declared the virus a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump declared a national emergency in response to the virus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2020, the City and Borough of Juneau (“CBJ”) received its first positive case of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Alaska continues to experience COVID-19 outbreaks and multiple regions in Alaska are at moderate or high alert levels; and

WHEREAS, while more community members are getting vaccinated for COVID, children under 12 are not eligible for vaccines, and variants of concern (Alpha/B.1.1.7, Beta/B.1.351, Gamma/P1, and Delta/B.1.617.2/AY.1) including the highly transmittable Delta variant have been detected in Juneau; and

WHEREAS, Southeast Alaska has seen a resurgence of COVID-19 outbreaks, including the highly transmittable Delta variant that is resulting in a significant increase in positive cases; and

WHEREAS, the average new COVID-19 positive cases per day is the highest it has been in the CBJ since the pandemic started: August (avg. 21 new cases per day) and September (24 cases new cases per day); and

WHEREAS, as of September 9, 2021 the overall community risk level is 3 (High); and

WHEREAS, other communities in the country and Alaska, including Anchorage, have experienced recent and sudden demands on healthcare services that resulted in a relatively permanent insufficiency of healthcare services that has endangered the public; and

WHEREAS, the existing COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies were reestablished with Emergency Ordinance 2021-33am and currently expire on October 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, upon balancing the economic impacts and the personal impacts of whether to reestablish the COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies given the current circumstances, the public health and welfare is best served by reestablishing the COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies beyond October 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the updated COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies continue to provide structure and certainty as the community balances the needs to mitigate harm from COVID-19 and its evolving variants and keep the economy open; and

WHEREAS, any business or facility is free to require masks at their business or facility.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

**Section 1. Classification.** This ordinance is a noncode ordinance.

**Section 2. Reserved.**

**Section 3. COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies.**

(a) **Adoption.** The City and Borough of Juneau COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies identified in Exhibit A are adopted.

(b) **Determination of Incident Risk Level.** The Manager is authorized to determine which Incident Risk Level best fits the City and Borough of Juneau based on a comprehensive range of public health factors related to COVID-19.

(c) **Public Notice.** The Manager shall conspicuously identify the Incident Risk Level on the City and Borough of Juneau's webpage and widely distribute public notice when the level changes.

(d) **Exemptions.**

(1) **Exemption Request.** An entity or person may request an exemption from the COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies by submitting a site specific COVID-19 Mitigation Plan to the CBJ Emergency Operations Center by emailing [covidquestions@juneau.org](mailto:covidquestions@juneau.org). The Emergency Operations Center may issue an exemption if the COVID-19 Mitigation Plan has sufficient measures and policies to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in light of the Incident Risk Level.

(2) **Public Records.** All exemption requests, communication, and responses are presumptively public records. If an entity or person requests that the City and Borough of Juneau withhold any information contained in your COVID-19 Mitigation Plan from public release because the information is protected under AS 40.25.120(a), you must submit the following information with the request:

- (A) Identify each set of discrete information that the entity or person asserts is confidential;
- (B) Identify each specific legal authority that the entity or person asserts applies to each such set of information; and
- (C) For each such set of information, explain why the entity or person asserts the information is confidential based on each legal authority the entity or person asserts applies to that information.

Should the City and Borough of Juneau receive a request for records under the Public Records Act applicable to any item marked confidential, the City and Borough of Juneau should notify the person or entity asserting confidentiality as soon as practicable prior to making any disclosure. The person or entity asserting confidentiality acknowledges it has five (5) calendar days after receipt of notice to notify the City and Borough of Juneau of its objection to any disclosure, and to file any action with any competent court to protect its interests. Should the person or entity asserting confidentiality fail to notify the City and Borough of Juneau of its objection or fail to file suit within five (5) calendar days, the CBJ may disclose the records.

(e) **~~Reserved.~~ Violation.** A person who violates a mitigation strategy in Exhibit A shall be subject to a civil fine not to exceed \$25.00 per violation, which shall be considered incorporated into CBJC 03.30.070(a); payment of the civil fine shall be accepted in satisfaction of the violation; and the violation shall be subject to CBJC 03.30.070(b)-(c) and CBJC 03.30.075-03.30.085. In addition to a civil fine, the City and Borough of Juneau may use all available civil enforcement options (i.e. injunction, revocation of certificate of occupancy, civil lawsuit, etc.) to assure compliance with this ordinance.

(f) **Amendments.** The Manager shall keep Exhibit A consistent with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance and present the revisions to Exhibit A at regular or special Assembly meetings for ratification.

(g) **Mask or Face Covering Mandate.**

(1) **Requirement.** All individuals must wear a mask or a face covering over their nose and mouth (i) as provided for in Exhibit A; (ii) when using public transportation, like Capital Transit; and (iii) when entering an area that is posted requiring use of a mask or face covering. This ordinance is subject to the conditions and exceptions stated below.

(2) **Face Shield.** A face shield is generally not permitted in lieu of a mask or face covering because face shields are less effective in stopping the spread of COVID-19. However, a face shield may be permitted in lieu of a mask or face covering for the following individuals, who must wear a face shield whenever a mask or face covering would be required unless it is impossible to do so:

(A) Any individual who cannot tolerate a mask due to a physical or mental disability;

(B) Individuals who are communicating with someone who is deaf or hard of hearing; or

(C) Individuals performing an activity that cannot be conducted or safely conducted while wearing a mask (for example a driver experiencing foggy glasses, a dental patient receiving care, or an equipment operator where there is a risk of dangerous entanglement).

(3) **Employment.** Employers are responsible to make sure employees who are present in the workplace have access to and wear masks or face coverings as required by this ordinance.

(4) **Exceptions.** This ordinance does not apply to the following categories of people or activities:

(A) Any child under the age of 2 years. These very young children should not wear a face covering because of the risk of suffocation. Additionally, masks are recommended, but not required for children ages 2-5. Daycare settings that serve preschool children are encouraged but not required to enforce mask usage for children age 2 and older.

(B) Individuals who are incarcerated, in police custody, or inside a courtroom; these individuals should follow guidance particular to their location or institution.

- (C) Musicians, presenters, ministers, and others communicating to an audience or being recorded, for the duration of their presentation/practice/performance where mask usage impairs communication, and so long as safe physical distancing is maintained.
- (D) Individuals removing their mask or face covering to eat, drink, or briefly scratch an itch.
- (E) Employees within their own fully enclosed office or workspace, and employees within an unenclosed workspace if they are totally alone.
- (F) Individuals doing high intensity exercise outdoors.

(5) **Denial of Service.** A person violating this ordinance is prohibited from entering, occupying, or remaining in the setting in which a mask or face covering is required. Provided, however, that this ordinance shall be applied in a manner consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and any other applicable provision of law. Businesses and the City Manager for City and Borough of Juneau facilities, may choose to allow individuals who request an accommodation under the ADA to wear a face shield, or may consider accommodating these individuals through alternative means of providing goods or services, such as curbside, delivery, or telephonic service.

(6) **Proof of Medical Reason or Disability.** If a person declines to wear a mask or face covering because of a medical condition or disability as described above, this ordinance does not require them to produce medical documentation verifying the stated condition or disability.

(7) **Additional City and Borough of Juneau Facility Provision.**

(A) **Notice.** The City Manager is required to identify and conspicuously post notices for those City and Borough of Juneau public facilities or areas of public facilities in which people are required to wear a mask or face covering. The Manager should post face covering notices in public facilities and areas of public facilities in which maintaining six feet separation between people is difficult or where there are insufficient physical barriers to keep people six feet apart.

(B) **Provision of Face Covering.** For people who cannot afford or locate a face covering, the Manager shall make a face covering available on every Capital Transit bus and at any facility owned by the City and Borough of Juneau that requires a mask or face covering.

(8) **Definitions.**

(A) "Mask" means a medical grade mask (i.e. N95).

(B) "Face covering" means a cloth, polypropylene, paper, or other face covering that covers the nose and the mouth and that rests snugly above the nose, below the mouth, and on the sides of the face. The following are not face coverings because they allow droplets to be released: a covering with a valve designed to facilitate easy exhalation; mesh masks; lace masks; other coverings with openings, holes, or visible gaps in the design or material.

(C) "Face shield" means a clear plastic shield that covers the forehead, extends below the chin, and wraps around the sides of the face.

**Section 4. Repeal of Ordinance 2021-33am.** Ordinance 2021-33am is repealed.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall be effective 30 days after its adoption. This ordinance expires at 12:01 a.m. on June 1, 2022, unless terminated earlier by the Assembly by motion.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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Beth A. Weldon, Mayor

Attest:

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Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk

**Exhibit A - Emergency Ord. 2021-42  
COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies**

<b>Community Risk Level</b>	<b>Masks / Social Distancing</b>	<b>Large Gatherings</b>	<b>Restaurants, Bars</b>	<b>Personal Services, Gyms</b>	<b>Travel</b>
Fully Open: > than 97% of the population are able to be fully vaccintaed.	No restrictions in place. Recommended masking and testing if displaying any COVID like symptoms if interacting with unvaccinated or vulnerable populations.				
Minimal	If not fully vaccinated, masks/face coverings must be worn indoors in public areas and outdoors at crowded outdoor events (e.g. live performance, parade, sports event)	Indoor gatherings should be limited to the number of participants that will allow 6 ft of social distancing to be maintained if individuals who are not fully vaccinated are present. Masks must be worn indoors by individuals who are not fully vaccinated.	If not fully vaccinated, patrons must wear masks when not actively eating or drinking. Recommend capacity restrictions that allow 6 ft of social distancing between parties.	If not fully vaccinated, masks/face coverings must be worn indoors in public areas. Recommend capacity restrictions that allow 6 ft of social distancing between individuals.	Follow State Health Advisories
Moderate	If not fully vaccinated, masks/face coverings must be worn indoors in public areas and outdoors at crowded outdoor events (e.g. live performance, parade, sports event). If fully vaccinated, masking is highly recommended in indoor public areas. Limit social interactions.	Indoor gatherings should be limited to 50* people with safety measures (masks required). Outdoor gatherings are recommended. There are no size limits if all individuals at the gathering are fully vaccinated, masking is highly recommended.	If not fully vaccinated, patrons must wear masks when not actively eating or drinking. Bars not to exceed 50% indoor capacity. Strongly recommend restaurants reduce capacity to ensure physical distancing between parties, recommend reservations required. Recommend delivery/ curbside pick up if allowed by law.	Personal Services by appointment only, reduce waiting room capacity to 50%. Gyms limit capacity to 50%. Gyms limit indoor group classes to full vaccinated individuals only.	Follow State Health Advisories
High	Masks/Face coverings must be worn indoors and outdoors in public areas where 6ft of social distancing cannot be maintained. Keep social bubble contained to family members.	Indoor gatherings should be limited to 20* people with safety measures (masks required). Outdoor gatherings with 6ft distancing recommended. There are no size limits if all individuals at the gathering are fully vaccinated.	Bars and Restaurants reduce capacity to ensure at least 6 feet of physical distancing between parties and not to exceed 50% with reservations / contact list required. Delivery/curbside pickup if allowed by law. Bars and restaurants closed at 11:00 pm.	Personal Services by appointment only, no waiting areas. Gyms limit capacity to 50%. Gyms limit indoor group classes to full vaccinated individuals only.	Follow State Health Advisories
Very High	Masks/Face coverings required outside the home. Residents are required to stay at home except as needed for groceries, medical care, and essential workforce needs.	Outdoor gatherings limited to no more than 10 people with proper social distancing. Indoor communal events not allowed.	Restaurants and bars limited to delivery and curbside pickup if allowed by law.	Personal Services and Gyms closed.	Follow State Health Advisories