

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA  
EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2021-26

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA PROVIDING  
GRANTS TO SITKA RESIDENTS WITH POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST RESULTS THAT  
QUARANTINE AND ISOLATE FOR TEN DAYS

BE IT ENACTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka as follows:

1. **CLASSIFICATION.** This emergency ordinance is not of a permanent nature and is not intended to be a part of the Sitka General Code of the City and Borough of Sitka.

2. **SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this emergency ordinance and application thereof to any person and circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of this emergency ordinance and application thereof to any person and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

3. **PURPOSE.** The purpose of this emergency ordinance is recited as follows:

**WHEREAS,** Sitka is experiencing a substantial increase in COVID-19 cases which are primarily attributed to the Delta variant and Sitka has been in the COVID-19 high alert status, with steady positive tests and hospitalizations, and even a resident death, since July 5, 2021, and Sitka is currently experiencing one of its highest rates of persons testing positive for COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS,** the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the State of Alaska currently require quarantine and isolation for 10 days for persons who test positive for COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS,** the quarantine and isolation for 10 days for persons who test positive for COVID-19 causes great financial hardships and inconvenience for those persons and their dependents; and

**WHEREAS,** federal financial support for persons required to quarantine and isolate expired on December 31, 2020.

4. **ENACTMENT.** NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka that:

**Section 1. Grant Policy and Procedure.** It shall be the policy of the City and Borough of Sitka (CBS) that applicants meeting certain criteria, as listed below, shall be eligible for a \$1,000 grant from the CBS General Fund. The grants shall be in the form of a check from the CBS.

Applications for grants shall be submitted to the Finance Department on forms provided by the Finance Department. Applications must be submitted before the expiration of this emergency ordinance. If the application is denied, the applicant may appeal to the Municipal Administrator. The Municipal Administrator's decision is the final action of the CBS. The Finance Department shall examine all applications, determine the eligibility of each applicant, accept or reject each application, and disburse the grant to the accepted applicants. An applicant shall be eligible for the \$1,000 grant if the applicant certified in his or her application, and provides documentation, as follows:

- (1) The applicant is eighteen (18) years of age or older; and
- (2) The applicant is currently a resident of Sitka; and

- 52 (3) The applicant tested positive for COVID-19 during the time period starting July 1, 2021,  
53 and ending at the expiration of this emergency ordinance, supported by documentation  
54 of the positive test result; and  
55 (4) The applicant quarantines and isolates for 10 days in accordance with CDC and State of  
56 Alaska guidelines; and  
57 (5) The applicant was employed immediately prior to the positive test result, supported by a  
58 pay stub or other satisfactory written evidence of employment; and  
59 (6) The applicant provides an IRS Form W-9.  
60 An applicant is eligible for a grant even if the applicant has overdue obligation owed to the  
61 CBS. The application may be submitted to the CBS by email.  
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63 **Section 2. Implementation.** These grants shall be implemented with a supplemental  
64 appropriation from the CBS General Fund, not to exceed \$300,000.  
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66 **5. EMERGENCY DECLARATION:** The Assembly hereby finds that the facts and  
67 legislative findings set forth above in Section 3 constitute an emergency as required by the  
68 Home Rule Charter of the City and Borough of Sitka, Section 3.03 "Emergency Ordinances."  
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70 **6. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This emergency ordinance shall become effective on the day it is  
71 adopted and expires once \$300,000 of grant funds are expended or 61 days after adoption,  
72 whichever occurs first. In accordance with Charter Section 3.03, this emergency ordinance may  
73 be re-enacted by the Assembly if the emergency still exists upon expiration.  
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75 **PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka this  
76 29<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.  
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Steven Eisenbeisz, Mayor

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81 ATTEST:

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84 Sara Peterson, MMC  
85 Municipal Clerk  
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87 1<sup>st</sup> and final reading – 7/29/2021 in accordance with Home Rule Charter, Section 3.03.  
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89 This emergency ordinance is pre-scheduled for the regular meeting of the Assembly on  
90 9/28/2021 to consider re-enactment upon its expiration on 9/28/2021.  
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92 Sponsors: Christianson / Himschoot