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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2983

A Resolution Authorizing the Manager to Enter into Port Agreements with Cruise Line Corporations for the Purpose of Satisfying Requirements of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to Allow Cruise Ships that have Opted in to the Program for Cruise Lines Operating in U.S. Waters to Visit the Port of Juneau in Calendar Year 2022.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued the “Framework for Conditional Sailing and Initial Phase COVID-19 Testing Requirements for Protection of Crew” (“Conditional Sailing Order”) on October 30, 2020, as a framework for a phased resumption of cruise ship operations; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2021, the CDC issued further “Technical Instructions for a Cruise Ship Operator’s Agreement with Port and Local Health Authorities under CDC’s Framework for Conditional Sailing Order” and a “Checklist for Port and Local Health Authorities: Cruise Ship Operator Agreements under CDC’s Framework for Conditional Sailing Order”; and

WHEREAS, the CDC’s framework was further supplemented by the CDC’s April 28, 2021 letter allowing cruise ship operators to submit an attestation to CDC under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 that a specified percentage of crew and passengers are fully vaccinated and submit to CDC a clear and specific vaccination plan, thereby enabling cruise ship operators to resume restricted passenger voyages without conducting simulated passenger voyages; and

WHEREAS, the CDC’s framework was further supplemented on May 12, 2021, by the CDC authorizing cruise ship operators, at their discretion, to advise passengers and crew that—if they are fully vaccinated—they may engage in self-guided or independent exploration during port stops if they wear a mask while indoors; and

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2022, the Conditional Sailing Order transitioned to a voluntary program, wherein cruise lines operating foreign-flagged ships in the U.S. may choose to opt in to the entire program on a voluntary basis; and

WHEREAS, Cruise Line International Association Alaska and its member lines have opted in to this voluntary program.

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

Section 1. Port Agreement Authorization. The Manager is authorized to enter into individual or multi-port agreements provided that the following conditions are met:

- A. Cruise Ship Operators agree to provide ship schedules to the Manager for approval.
- B. Cruise Ship Operators must agree to opt in to the CDC's COVID-19 Program for Cruise Ships Operating in U.S. Waters and follow program requirements.
- C. Other conditions that are necessary for the protection of the public health of Juneau's citizens and visitors as determined by the CBJ Assembly or the CBJ Emergency Operations Center.


Section 2. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately after its adoption.

Adopted this 13th day of April, 2022.



Beth A. Weldon, Mayor

Attest:



Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk