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Memorandum 20-046

TO: City Council
THROUGH: Marvin Yoder, City Manager
FROM: Jan Keiser, Director of Public Works
DATE: April 6, 2020
SUBJECT: Proposed amendment to Parks, Campgrounds, and Public Spaces Ordinance

Issue: The current ordinance regarding parks, campgrounds and public spaces, Homer City Code Title 19, does not provide the City Manager with the authority to close City public spaces. It is possible the City may want to take this action in the interests of public health during the pandemic or other emergency situations.

Background: In the interests of public health, safety and security, the City may decide to close some or all City campgrounds and parks. Other exigent circumstances might arise in the future where similar needs exist, such as in the cases of earthquakes, floods, etc. It is in the best interests of the City to specifically empower the City Manager with the authority to take this action.

Proposed Solution: Amend the existing ordinance, HCC 19, Parks, Campgrounds and Public Spaces to add a section that identifies the City Manager's authority to close the public spaces during an emergency or other exigent circumstances.

Action Recommended: That the City Council pass the proposed amendment to the City's ordinance, HCC 19.