

**CITY OF HOMER
HOMER, ALASKA**

Smith

ORDINANCE 20-18

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER,
ALASKA AMENDING HOMER CITY CODE CHAPTER 5.42 SINGLE-
USE PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAGS BY ADDING SECTION 5.42
SUSPENDING THE CHAPTER UNTIL THE STATE OF EMERGENCY
DUE TO COVID 19 IS LIFTED

WHEREAS, The Nation, State and City are all operating under disaster declarations due
to the threat of the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, It is unknown how long COVID-19 can live on porous surfaces, such as the
plastic or cloth of reusable bags; and

WHEREAS, Businesses, Governments and Citizens are taking extreme measures during
these extraordinary times to minimize the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, One simple way to aid in prevention of the spread of COVID-19 is to use
single-use plastic products; and

WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of the City that the City of Homer do its part to help
ensure the safety and health of our citizens.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HOMER ORDAINS:

Section 1: Homer City Code Chapter 5.42, Single-use plastic carryout Bags, is amended
by adding a new section.

5.42.055 Suspension

This chapter is suspended and will not be enforced due the City of Homer operating in
a state of emergency in response to COVID-19. Chapter 5.42 will go back into effect on
September 15, 2020 or when the state of emergency in the City of Homer is no longer in effect,
whichever is later.

Section 2: This ordinance is an emergency ordinance of general character and will be
effective for 60 days, in accordance with HCC 1.08.040.

ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA, this ____ day of _____, 2020.

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CITY OF HOMER

KEN CASTNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

MELISSA JACOBSEN, MMC, CITY CLERK

YES:

NO:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

First Reading:

Public Hearing:

Second Reading:

Effective Date:

Reviewed and approved as to form.

Katie Koester, City Manager

Michael Gatti, City Attorney

Date: _____

Date: _____