## HAINES BOROUGH, ALASKA RESOLUTION No. 20-03-856

## **Adopted**

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly for the Temporary Exemption from Sales and Bed Taxes for Short Term Rental until April 28, 2020

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2020, the Haines Borough Mayor issued a Declaration of Emergency for the Haines Borough to alert the public to the seriousness of the risk, and provide direction to sources of information and other available public health resources, while the Haines Borough works in cooperation with other local and state agencies through the EOC to implement actions and responses to address the probable COVID-19 outbreak; and

**WHEREAS**, to prevent the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) by controlling the ingress to Alaska from outside localities, on March 23, 2020 the State of Alaska, based on its authority under the Public Health Disaster Emergency Declaration, issued Health Mandate 10.1 ordering quarantine of all people arriving in Alaska with exception for certain health and critical infrastructure industries, effective 12:01 am March 25, 2020; and

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**WHEREAS,** pursuant to Haines Borough Code Section 3.80.050 (32) Exempt Transactions allows for:

## 3.80.050 Exempt transactions.

The tax levied under this chapter shall not apply to the following:

32. Sales of any goods or services within the borough that are temporarily exempted by a resolution adopted by the assembly and sold during the specified exemption period not to exceed six consecutive months; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the requirements for shelter-in-place and mandated quarantines in the Haines Borough, travelers, laborers, consultants and others who do not have local residences will need to quarantine in local hotels and other short term accommodations; and

**WHEREAS**, temporary exemption from sales and bed tax will partially alleviate some of the expenses associated with the guarantine,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Haines Borough Assembly, exempts from sales and bed taxes the sale of short term rentals predicated on the required quarantine of individuals in the Haines Borough through April 28, 2020.

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Adopted by a duly-constituted quorum of the Haines Borough Assembly on this 24th day of March, 2020.

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