



## Alaska CHARR Request to Prevent Second Industry Closure

The Alaska CHARR Board of Directors met yesterday and discussed the recent warnings from government officials around the state about the possibility of shutting the hospitality industry (or sectors of it) down for a second time. The board considered the extremely informative responses and data from the survey that we sent out last week.

After the discussion, Alaska CHARR President & CEO Sarah Oates had a long phone conversation with Governor Dunleavy, where they discussed potential next steps for the industry and ways it can help prevent further transmission of COVID-19. Ms. Oates made it clear to the governor and others that the industry was hoping for government and health officials to consider dialing the industry back, rather than shutting it back down completely. In response to the governor's request for data and recommendations, Ms. Oates verbally conveyed the information found in [this letter](#), which was subsequently sent to the governor's team.

Alaska CHARR will be supporting our regional affiliates around the state in their additional independent efforts to keep the industry open in their corresponding areas. Meanwhile, the Alaska CHARR team has produced many free resources and documents for your use, found on our COVID-specific page, some of which are listed below. Please

continue to do your part in going above and beyond so that our businesses may stay open and the transmission of the virus slows.

- [Alaska Hospitality Promise](#)
- [Physical Distancing Sign \(Caribou\)](#)
- [Customizable Visitor Log](#) (add your logo)

## ABC Board Special Board Meeting

The ABC Board held a special meeting these morning, where they received information from Dr. Anne Zink and others from the State of Alaska's Department of Health & Social Services (DHSS) and took the following actions:

- Extended the regulations that govern legal temporary curbside and home delivery procedures through the end of Governor Dunleavy's emergency order (currently November 15, 2020).
- After a robust conversation regarding the two-day freeze on all caterer's and special events permits, voted to lift the permit prohibition mandate. A new disclaimer or certification will be added to the application forms, informing applicants that they are expected to follow all of [DHSS's special guidelines for public gatherings](#). Failure to do so could potentially result in civil litigation for the applicant.
- Adopted the AMCO staff's proposal that any licensee who is unable to meet the minimum operating requirement for its applicable license type due to COVID-19 hardships may apply for a waiver of operations for 2020. Waiver fees will be waived or refunded, and the 2020 waiver will not count against the licensee's limit of three (3) per license.

## Industry Call

We will not be hosting an Industry Call this week due to scheduling conflicts with the ABC Board and Alaska CHARR Board of Directors'

meetings. We will host a call next week with call information being sent early next week.

## Upcoming Elections for Alaska CHARR Board of Directors

Would someone you know like to run for the Alaska CHARR Board of Directors? If so, potential candidates can indicate their interest by emailing Kirsten Dolan at [kdolan@alaskacharr.com](mailto:kdolan@alaskacharr.com) by Friday, August 7. All candidates must be current active voting members of CHARR. This year, we have board seats open in the following areas:

Ketchikan  
Juneau/Lynn Canal  
Kenai Peninsula  
Mat-Su  
Kodiak  
Cook Inlet (2 seats, Anchorage and surrounding areas)  
Interior (2 seats, Fairbanks and surrounding areas)  
Sitka

## Alaska CHARR Membership

Have you appreciated all the resources CHARR has provided during this crisis? Consider becoming a member so that we can continue to provide you the most up-to-date information and resources in addition to our regular fantastic benefits. Contact Rory McAllister, our Membership & Gaming Manager, for more information at 907-274-8133 or [rmcallister@alaskacharr.com](mailto:rmcallister@alaskacharr.com).

Help us in the fight to #saveAKhospitality! Together, we are #alaskastrong.

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