

HAINES BOROUGH  
ORDINANCE 09-04-205

# Adopted

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE HAINES BOROUGH AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL SKIER AND PHOTOGRAPHER DAYS FOR THE 2009 HELISKI SEASON.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE HAINES BOROUGH, ALASKA:

Sec. 1. Classification. This ordinance is of an emergency nature pursuant to Haines Borough Charter section 3.04 and shall become part of the uncodified laws of the Haines Borough immediately and will remain in force until May 3, 2009.

Sec. 2. Severability. If any provision of this ordinance or any application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, the remainder of this ordinance and the application to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Sec. 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

Sec. 4. Purpose. To allocate additional skier days and photographer days to the heliski permit operators who have reached their allocated limits due to unforeseen weather and snow conditions. The heliski season does not end until May 3, and both companies have significant numbers of clients scheduled and obligated. Shutting down the season and turning the customers away would significantly affect the finances of the companies, reduce the potential sales tax revenues for the borough, cause a loss of revenue to other local businesses benefitting from the visitors, and will negatively impact the tourism economy and activities for Haines and loss of wintertime tourism industry.

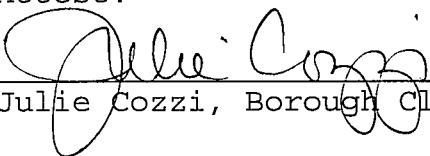
Sec. 5. Findings. The Assembly finds that an emergency exists with respect to the permitted heliski operations in and around Haines Borough due to circumstances driven by unforeseen weather conditions and acts of nature. Based upon these unforeseen events, heliski operators have nearly exhausted their allotted skier day allocations for the 2009 season. The Assembly further finds that if additional skier days and photographer days are not provided, that serious and negative economic impacts to Haines Borough businesses will result. The Assembly finds that an emergency is presented by

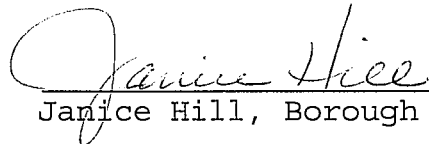
this situation that will immediately affect the life, health, welfare, and property of borough residents and the local government which warrants effecting a remedy by emergency ordinance passage to authorize additional skier and photographer days to the 2009 heliski season.

Sec. 6: Temporary Ordinance. Section 5.18.080 C. of the Haines Borough Code is temporarily amended to allow for an additional 200 skier days and an additional 120 photographer days are herein authorized for the remainder of the 2009 heliski season. The additional days shall be allocated by the Borough Clerk.

ADOPTED BY A DULY CONSTITUTED QUORUM OF THE HAINES BOROUGH ASSEMBLY ON THE 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2009.

Attest:

  
Julie Cozzi, Borough Clerk

  
Janice Hill, Borough Mayor

