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Resolution providing for further renewal by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh of a Declaration of Disaster Emergency, ratified by Council on March 17th, 2020; to extend the effectiveness of the Declaration for seven (7) additional days thereby making the Declaration effective until May 26th; in response to the ongoing public health emergency associated with the spread of coronavirus.

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh issued a Declaration of Emergency (“Declaration”) in response to the existing public health emergency associated with the spread of COVID-19 on March 13th, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Pittsburgh ratified the Declaration on March 17th, 2020 and renewed the Declaration to remain in effect until April 10, 2020, May 5, 2020, May 12, and then further to May 19, 2020 via Resolutions 140, 139, 162, 214, and 217 of 2020 respectively; and

WHEREAS, since that time, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as part of the “Phased Reopening” of Pennsylvania, lifted the Stay-At-Home Order for Allegheny County and in turn imposed a policy of “Aggressive Mitigation” over the area, moving Allegheny County from the “Red Phase” to the “Yellow Phase” of reopening; and

WHEREAS, the “Yellow Phase” includes, among other restrictions, a prohibition upon large gatherings of more than 25 and the continued closure of indoor recreation, health and wellness facilities and personal care services (such as gyms, spas, hair salons, nail salons and other entities that provide massage therapy), and all entertainment (such as casinos, theaters); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City Pittsburgh believes that this Declaration of Emergency should be extended for a period not-to-exceed seven (7) days from the date of potential expiration, subject to further renewal of the Council of the City of Pittsburgh at such time, in order to provide the City of Pittsburgh with the appropriate means to address the existing public health emergency associated with the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as a result, the Council of the City of Pittsburgh wishes to renew the Mayor’s Declaration of Emergency for a period not-to-exceed seven (7) days.

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh as follows:

Section 1. The Declaration of Emergency, ratified by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh on March 17th 2020, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A, is hereby extended and renewed by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh for a period of seven (7) days from May 19, 2020 to May 26, 2020, unless terminated

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earlier, in accordance with all applicable law including City of Pittsburgh Code §113.03 and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code at 35 Pa. C.S. § 7501.