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WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Mayor issued a Declaration of Emergency in accordance with City of Pittsburgh Code §113.03 and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa. C.S. §§7101 *et seq.*, as it pertains to the existing public health emergency associated with the spread of coronavirus known as “COVID-19”; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor issued the Declaration of Emergency to encourage aggressive social mitigation efforts and to allow the City of Pittsburgh to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to COVID-19 and to promote the health and safety of City of Pittsburgh residents; and
WHEREAS, the Mayor also issued an Executive Order 2020-01; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, Governor Tom Wolf, under the guidance of the Department of Health (DOH), using his authority under the state’s COVID-19 disaster declaration order <<https://www.governor.pa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/20200306-COVID19-Digital-Proclamation.pdf>>, ordered all restaurants and bars to close their dine-in facilities at 12:01 AM on Monday, March 16 in, amongst others, Allegheny County for 14 days to help stop the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in accordance with its guidance for large events and mass gatherings, recommends that for the next 8 weeks, organizers (whether groups or individuals) cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 people or more throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, these preventative measures are ways that all residents can play their part in preventing the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the Governor Tom Wolf’s directive and the spread of COVID-19, the Mayor is issuing this order; and

Now Therefore, I WILLIAM PEDUTO, by the virtue of the authority vested in my by the Home Rule Charter of the City of Pittsburgh and laws of the City of Pittsburgh, hereby direct all of the following:

1. Effective as of 9:00 a.m., Monday March 16, 2020, there shall be no community or public gatherings in excess of 50 people and this amends my earlier Order that discouraged gatherings in excess of 250 people.
2. The City will request continuances of hearings before magisterial district justices for the enforcement of City Code citations issued by the Department of Permits, Licenses & Inspections, the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure, and the Department of Public Works in furtherance of our compliance with

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the spirit of Governor Tom Wolf's recommendations regarding social distancing to further prevent the spread of COVID-19.

3. The remainder of Executive Order No. 2020-01 shall remain in effect until rescinded.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and remain in effect until amended or rescinded in writing by the Mayor.