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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 twenty-nine (29) additional days thereby making the Declaration effective until March 16th, 2021; 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 10th, May 5th, May 12th, May 19th, May 26th, June 2nd, June 9th, June 16th, June 23rd, June 30th, July 7th, August 25th, September 8th, October 6th, November 10th, and December 10th, 2020, and January 12, 2021 via Resolutions 140, 139, 162, 214, 217, 225, 249, 261, 271, 281, 310, 319, 433, 456, 514, 581, and 631 of 2020 and 9 of 2021, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania issued on November 24th, 2020 an amendment to the Governor’s original Proclamation of Disaster Emergency dated March 6th, 2020, to extend the duration of the Order for 90 days until Saturday, February 27th, 2021; and

WHEREAS, pursuant the Governor’s Proclamation in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Disease Prevention and Control Act, the Governor’s Office and Pennsylvania Department of Health have since issued various orders, providing directives and guidance to businesses and the public to reduce the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Allegheny County Health Department reported that Allegheny County is experiencing a rapid increase in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations and as a result issued an “Official Advisory from the Health Director of Allegheny County COVID-19 Related Stay-at-Home to Stop Social Gatherings Advisory Issued on November 18th, 2020”; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City Pittsburgh believes that the Declaration of Emergency should be extended for a period not-to-exceed twenty-nine (29) 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 twenty-nine (29) days.

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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 twenty-nine (29) from February 16th, 2021 to March 16th, 2021, unless terminated 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.