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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-one (21) additional days thereby making the Declaration effective until June 29th, 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, January 12th, 2021, February 16th, 2021, March 16th, 2021, April 13th, 2021, May 11th, 2021 and June 8th, 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, 123, 193, 255, and 296 of 2021, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania issued on May 20th, 2021 an amendment to the Governor's original Proclamation of Disaster Emergency dated March 6th, 2020, to renew the duration of the Order; 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, most COVID-19 mitigation orders were lifted on May 31st, 2021, excluding, among others, the mask mandate which is proposed to be lifted upon the vaccination of 70% of adults within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or upon June 28th, 2021 whichever is sooner; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City Pittsburgh believes that the Declaration of Emergency should be extended for a period not-to-exceed twenty-one (21) 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-one (21) 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-one (21) from June 8th, 2021- June 29th, 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.