



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO**

LORI E. LIGHTFOOT
MAYOR

**EMERGENCY
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-1**

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago ("City") is a home rule municipality as described in Section 6(a), Article VII of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois, and as such may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs, including protecting the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Beginning in late 2019, a new and highly communicable type of Coronavirus, now commonly known as COVID-19, emerged and began to spread rapidly. Despite efforts to contain COVID-19, it has continued to spread throughout Chicago and the State of Illinois, and as testing capacity increases, it is virtually certain that many more cases will be identified; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 presents an extraordinarily severe and unprecedented threat to the populace of Chicago. It is necessary and appropriate for the City to take immediate measures to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Under 2-4-110 of the Municipal Code of Chicago ("Code"), the Mayor acts as ex officio coordinator of activities in cases of emergency for the maintenance of public peace and order, and the preservation of life and property. The Mayor is further authorized to execute plans for the prevention of emergencies so far as possible and for meeting them effectively when they arise, and City departments, officers and employees are required to comply with the Mayor's orders in executing emergency plans and meeting such emergencies; and

WHEREAS, It is essential that City government be able to act swiftly and effectively to provide help and support for our residents and employees during this public health emergency ("Emergency"); now, therefore,

I, LORI E. LIGHTFOOT, Mayor of the City of Chicago, do hereby order as follows:

SECTION I. Pursuant to section 2-4-110 of the Code, I hereby declare that a state of Emergency exists in the City of Chicago caused by the outbreak of COVID-19.

SECTION II. Notwithstanding any Code provision to the contrary, the Chief Procurement Officer is authorized to negotiate and execute contracts for emergency supplies and services up to \$1,000,000.00 for each such contract, which contract shall include terms that the Chief Procurement Officer deems necessary or appropriate to effectively address the Emergency.

SECTION III. The Budget Director is authorized to establish new funding lines, consolidate funding lines, and transfer or otherwise reallocate currently appropriated funds, including making fund transfers between City Departments, all as needed to maximize effectiveness of the City response to the Emergency. The Budget Director shall provide a summary of any such budgetary activity to the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations as soon as feasible following such activity.

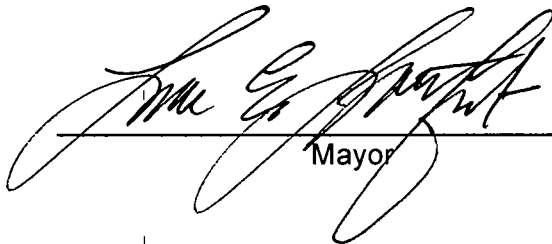
SECTION IV. The Director of the Department of Administrative Hearings is authorized to continue or otherwise postpone hearings and determinations on matters before that Department as in her judgment will promote the public good and facilitate the work of the Department of Public Health, until April 30, 2020.

SECTION V. The Commissioner of Assets, Information and Services, in exercising authority under Section 2-51-050(12) of the Municipal Code to enter into temporary agreements for the use and occupancy of real property, with prior advice and consent of the Corporation Counsel or his designee, is authorized to provide indemnification in such agreements and extend the temporary period of occupancy if the City concludes that doing so is necessary or appropriate to effectively address the Emergency.

SECTION VI. If the City suspends or discontinues in whole or in part the provision of certain services otherwise provided by City employees because of the Emergency, the City is authorized to pay such employees the regular salary or hourly wage and provide the regular benefits that such employees would otherwise have received in the absence of such suspension or discontinuation of services.

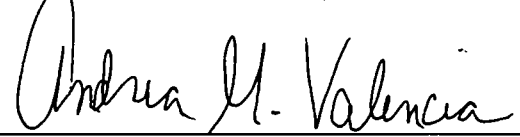
SECTION VII. The Commissioner of Human Resources is authorized to amend the City's Sick Leave Policy consistent with the City's Sick Leave Policy Addendum, which is attached hereto.

SECTION VIII. This Order shall take effect upon its execution and filing with the City Clerk. Except as otherwise noted herein, this Order shall be repealed of its own accord when the Commissioner of Public Health makes a written determination that the threat to public health posed by the Emergency has diminished to the point that this Order can safely be repealed.



Mayor

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