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Amended Joint Emergency Order

14. Temporary Suspension of Public Meetings

Pursuant to Article III of the Cincinnati Charter, Article XVIII of the Administrative Code of the City of Cincinnati, and Ohio Department of Health Orders, I hereby order that in-person attendance by the public at meetings of the City of Cincinnati shall be prohibited through Sunday, March 14, 2021 to reduce the potential for large indoor gatherings of the public and City employees. The region continues to experience dangerous intensification of the COVID-19 pandemic and strong action is needed to slow the course and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to the City's vulnerable populations and to prevent City meetings from becoming "superspreader" events that materially affect the City's ability to perform essential government functions.

This Order affirms the City Manager's ongoing authority under this Order and the City Charter to limit public and employee access to City buildings and facilities due to the pandemic. The Administration is further authorized to take all necessary and proper actions to implement this Order, including by relaxing applicable codes, rules, and regulations as necessary to provide for the safe conduct of City business. The Administration shall have authority to toll time limits imposed by rule or regulation for any matters delayed or rescheduled as a result of this Order or prior orders. Nothing in this Order prevents the Administration from continuing to implement such measures as may be required to provide the public, City officials, and City staff with options for remote participation in public meetings including by phone or other remote meeting software. The Mayor or City Manager may grant limited exceptions for small, in-person public meetings as necessary and on such conditions that the City Manager may establish to protect the general public and the health of City employees.

The Administration shall implement this Order consistently with applicable Open Meetings requirements and take steps to ensure that public hearings and other City business may proceed with public participation and without undue delay or interruption. This Order is based upon the existence of a condition of public danger or emergency, as established by the Mayor's November 16, 2020 Declaration of

Emergency for the COVID-19 pandemic, and as separately established by adoption of this Order. This Order expires at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, March 14, 2021.

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City Manager Paula Boggs Muething

Commissioner Melba Moore

Date: February 18, 2021