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### PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY

March 23, 2020

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared a national health emergency and the Governor of Wisconsin has declared a public health emergency in the State of Wisconsin because of the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists within the City of Madison resulting from evidence of increasing transmission of COVID-19 and scientific evidence regarding the most effective approaches to slow the transmission of COVID-19 is to prevent the circumstances present in mass gatherings that may exacerbate the spread of COVID-19, and

WHEREAS, as a result of Emergency Orders issued by the Governor of Wisconsin and the Public Health Director of Madison and Dane County, numerous businesses have been forced to either close completely or strictly limit their public capacity to ten or less; and

WHEREAS, these Orders and closures have resulted and will continue to result in significant financial impacts on businesses throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, I, as Mayor of Madison, have the authority pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 323.11 and 323.14(4) and Madison General Ordinance Sec. 3.19, to proclaim that a state of emergency exists and to invoke the emergency powers granted by ordinance and state statute,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF MADISON, DANE COUNTY, WISCONSIN:

1. That a state of emergency is hereby declared for the City of Madison pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 323.11 and 323.14 and Madison General Ordinances Section 3.19.
2. That the state of emergency shall be in effect until April 23, 2020, unless extended by mayoral proclamation or resolution of the Common Council, or until the emergency conditions no longer exist if such period is shorter than that identified in this paragraph.
3. This proclamation of emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Clerk.
4. This proclamation of emergency activates the City of Madison emergency operations plan.

5. That this proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.
6. That pursuant to the authority granted by the above provisions, I declare the following regulations are now in effect and have the force of law:

I. SUSPENSION AND MODIFICATION OF ORDINANCES AND CITY POLICIES

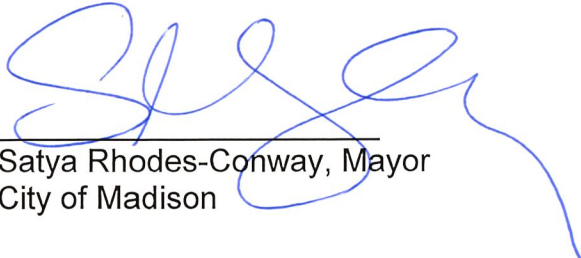
(a) Under this Declaration, the Mayor may, after consultation with the City Attorney, issue orders to suspend the operation of, amend, create, or adopt city policies, resolutions, or ordinances, and suspend enforcement actions, that are not in conflict with existing state or federal laws, in order to mitigate the effects of the coronavirus pandemic on city workers, residents of, and businesses and non-profits within the City of Madison. This includes the power to extend deadlines, waive penalties, issue permits or licenses, contract or waive contractual terms, or such other actions as are appropriate to protect the health, safety and welfare of the City and its residents.

(b) To the extent any such actions by the Mayor affect a legislative enactment of the Common Council, or create what amounts to a new legislative enactment, the actions shall be presented in a resolution to the Common Council at the next regularly scheduled meeting when the resolution may be considered. By the resolution, the Council will affirm, rescind, or amend any of the orders issued by the Mayor.

The authority granted by this Declaration expires sixty (60) days after the Director of Public Health Madison and Dane County and the Governor of Wisconsin determine to end the emergency actions they have taken or will take to combat the coronavirus pandemic.

That this proclamation will be presented for adoption at the Common Council meeting of March 31, 2020.

ORDERED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2020.

  
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Satya Rhodes-Conway, Mayor  
City of Madison