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**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
AN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

AN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER DIRECTING THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER TO EVALUATE AND DEVELOP THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES AND POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE CITY OF ATLANTA'S OPERATION OF ITS RIGHT OF WAY WHICH ARE NECESSARY TO SUPPORT THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE REOPENING OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA'S RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES FOR THE REOPENING OF THE ECONOMY OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA; AND FOR OTHER RELATED PURPOSES

WHEREAS, like much of the world the United States, the State of Georgia, and the City of Atlanta are currently responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus named "SARS-CoV-2" and the disease it causes named "coronavirus disease 2019" (abbreviated "COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 the President of the United States announced a national emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which included two emergency declarations: one under the National Emergencies Act and one under the Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020 Governor Brian Kemp signed a public health state of emergency to address the COVID-19 pandemic through assisting health and emergency management officials across Georgia by deploying all available resources for the mitigation and treatment of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, on March 16, I declared there to be an emergency in existence within the City of Atlanta pursuant to Section 2-181(a) of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control ("CDC") has issued guidance on the emerging and rapidly evolving situation of the COVID-19 pandemic, including how to protect oneself from this illness; and

WHEREAS, social distancing has been recommended by the CDC to prevent the continued spreading of this illness in the community; and

WHEREAS, on March 23rd, 2020, I declared there to be the existence of an emergency within the City of Atlanta and issued a Stay at Home Order under my emergency powers and which I have reissued in some form in accordance with Section 2-181 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances no more than every 72 hours thereafter; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, Governor Brian Kemp signed an Executive Order to Ensure a Safe and Healthy Georgia (Governor's Executive Order 04.02.20.01) to address the COVID-19 pandemic by implementing temporary actions necessary and appropriate to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Georgia's residents and visitors, effective beginning at 6:00 P.M. on Friday, April 3, 2020 and expiring at 11:59 P.M. on Monday, April 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2020 Governor Kemp signed an Executive Order 04.08.20.02 extending the Governor's Executive Order 04.02.20.01, such that it shall now expire on Thursday April 30, 2020 at 11:59 P.M.; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order 04.02.20.01, all residents and visitors of the State of Georgia, including the City of Atlanta are required to shelter in place within their homes or places of residence except as provided therein; and

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2020 Governor Kemp signed an Executive Order 04.23.20.02 which, effective May 1, 2020, lifted the shelter in place order for most residents and visitors of the State of Georgia, including the City of Atlanta, leaving it in place only for persons who are considered at higher risk for severe illness resulting from a COVID-19 infection; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Executive Order 04.23.20.02 was scheduled to remain effective through May 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2020, Governor Kemp signed an Executive Order 05.12.20.01 which extended the pertinent provisions contained in 04.23.20.02 (Executive Order 05.12.20.01 and 04.23.20.02 are collectively referenced herein as Governor's Executive Orders) such that they shall remain in effect through May 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the Mayor and Governor's emergency orders, the economy of the City of Atlanta has been largely shuttered; and

WHEREAS, in preparation for the reopening of the City of Atlanta's economy, I desired to receive advice and recommendations from representatives from organizations and businesses in the City of Atlanta concerning the measures necessary to be in place and the steps to be taken to end the emergency order which I have issued, and to reopen the City of Atlanta for business, tourism, entertainment and nightlife, congregational worship, large gatherings, and athletic events; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Council for the Reopening of the City of Atlanta (Advisory Council) was created pursuant to Administrative Order 2020-10 and consisted local civic and business leaders representing a variety of industries that could advise how best to safely reopen for business and how to have the local economy thrive in an environment affected by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Council conducted meetings and provided recommended strategies for an eventual re-opening of the economy of the City of Atlanta economy which were presented on May 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Council has provided recommended guidelines for the reopening of the economy of the City of Atlanta in phases; and

WHEREAS, in order to properly support the recommended guidelines, certain changes to the City of Atlanta's operation of its right of way are necessary; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, I am hereby directing the Chief Operating Officer to evaluate and develop the administrative changes and policy recommendations concerning the City of Atlanta's operation of its right of way which are necessary to support the recommended guidelines for the reopening of the economy of the City of Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, during the evaluation and development of these changes and recommendations, the Chief Operating Officer should work with community partners, such as: Pedestrians Educating Drivers on Safety, Inc. (PEDS), the Atlanta Bike Coalition, and the various community improvement districts; and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta Department of Transportation has outlined goals within the One Atlanta Strategic Transportation Plan including: "Make walking safer and more pleasant", "Make bicycling and micro-mobility safe transportation options for more Atlantans", "Make it easier to access jobs and services without a car", and "Implement neighborhood focused interventions that make our communities safer and more vibrant, plan and distribute resources based on equity, safety, and conditions"; and

WHEREAS, the One Atlanta Strategic Transportation Plan and the Mayor's Action Plan for Safer Streets outline measures that are already in progress that could, if accelerated, support the reopening of the Atlanta economy; and

WHEREAS, the initial implementation of the administrative changes and the issuance of any policy recommendations developed by the Chief Operating Office in accordance herewith shall be by no later than June 1, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, pursuant to Section 3-104 of the City of Atlanta Charter and Section 2-182(4) of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances, it is hereby ordered that:

SECTION 1: The Chief Operating Officer shall evaluate and develop the administrative changes and policy recommendations concerning the City of Atlanta's operation of its right of way which are necessary to support the Advisory Council for the Reopening of the City of Atlanta's recommended guidelines for the reopening of the economy of the City of Atlanta which shall include, but shall not be limited to:

the evaluation and the development of administrative actions to create "tactical sidewalks" to improve mobility in communities to essential services;

the evaluation of potential temporary road or lane closures to create more pedestrian and cyclist space for improved safety and access;

the development of a street closure plan to create more public space in support of Atlanta's communities which are practicing social distancing;

the evaluation and development of recommendations concerning the potential creation of a safe community streets permitting process which would support traffic calming in neighborhood streets;

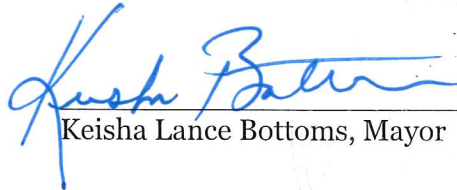
the evaluation and development of recommendations concerning the streamlining of the sidewalk dining permitting process, including a review of the permit fees associated therewith and the locations of such permitted activity;

the evaluation of the potential re-purposing of certain parking locations to areas where curbside restaurant pick-up could take place; and

the development of a process by which the Commissioner of the Atlanta Department of Transportation may execute further administrative changes concerning the City of Atlanta's operation of its right of way which are necessary to support the recommended guidelines for the reopening of the economy of the City of Atlanta.

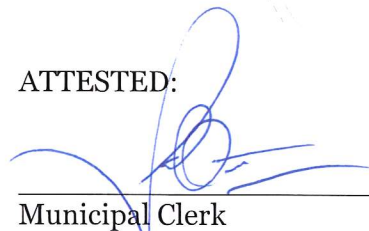
SECTION 2: The initial implementation of the administrative changes and the issuance of any policy recommendations developed by the Chief Operating Office in accordance herewith shall be by no later than June 1, 2020.

SO ORDERED this 21st day of May 2020.



Keisha Lance Bottoms, Mayor

ATTESTED:



Municipal Clerk

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Municipal Clerk