An Administrative Order Office of the Mayor City of Atlanta Administrative Order No. 2022- 001

## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

AN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER TO DESIGNATE THE CHIEF OF STAFF AND ANY DEPUTY CHIEFS OF STAFF IN THE EXECUTIE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AS AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE AND TAKE ACTION ON LICENSE OR PERMIT APPLICATIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 30-34 OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA CODE OF ORDINANCES (AUTHORIZED DESIGNEE); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta has an interest in maintaining the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Atlanta and its visitors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta has an interest in regulating, through the lawful exercise of its police powers, the regulation of certain businesses within its jurisdictional boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the license review board, (LRB), of the city was created in order to review all applications for licenses and permits issued under the police power of the city which are referred thereto, with a statement thereon indicating whether or not such application meets the legal requirements for the issuance thereof, in accordance with the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the LRB is thereafter required to make a favorable or unfavorable recommendation to the mayor on any such application to the mayor in accordance with the applicable provisions of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances or other ordinances and state statutes regulating the issuance of such licenses and permits; and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of such recommendations, the mayor may either grant, deny, or remand such applications back to the license review board in accordance with the applicable provisions of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances regulating the license or permit at issue; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City of Atlanta to refrain from acting in a manner which would unduly impede the development of new businesses that desire to operate within its jurisdictional boundaries, or to unduly delay the conduct of certain temporary special events which may require the issuance of licenses or permits issued under the City of Atlanta's police powers; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of this policy, pursuant to Ordinance 19-O-1209, which was adopted by the Atlanta City Council on May 6, 2019, and approved by the mayor on May 14, 2019, the City of Atlanta provided for the more expeditious issuance of licenses or permits, that applications for which have been vetted by the LRB and have been found to meet the legal requirements for the issuance thereof; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Ordinance 19-O-1209, Section 30-34 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances was amended to provide for the mayor to name authorized designee(s), pursuant to the issuance of an administrative order, to receive and take action on license or permit applications which were referred to the LRB accompanied by a statement that the application met the legal requirements for the issuance thereof, and were thereafter transmitted to the mayor by the LRB with a favorable recommendation; and

WHEREAS, thereafter, Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms issued Administrative Order 2019-03 which provided that the Chief of Staff shall be authorized to receive applications for licenses or permits issued under the police power of the city, and to take action to either grant, deny, or remand to the license review board such license or permit applications pursuant to the applicable provisions of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances regulating the license or permit at issue; and

WHEREAS, it is my desire to renew Administrative Order 2019-03 such that the Chief of Staff shall remain authorized to receive applications for licenses or permits issued under the police power of the city, and to take action to either grant, deny, or remand to the license review board such license or permit applications pursuant to the applicable provisions of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances regulating the license or permit at issue; and

WHEREAS, it is also my desire to authorize the person(s) appointed as deputy chiefs of staff in the executive office of the mayor to receive applications for licenses or permits issued under the police power of the city, and to take action to either grant, deny, or remand to the license review board such license or permit applications pursuant to the applicable provisions of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances regulating the license or permit at issue.

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 Sections 2-182(4) and 30-34 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances, it is hereby ordered as follows:

<u>SECTION 1</u>: That Administrative Order 2019-03 shall hereby be renewed such that the Chief of Staff shall be authorized to receive applications for licenses or permits issued under the police power of the city, and to take action to either grant, deny, or remand to the license review board such license or permit applications pursuant to the applicable provisions of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances regulating the license or permit at issue.

SECTION 2: That the person(s) appointed as deputy chiefs of staff in the executive office of the mayor shall be authorized to receive applications for licenses or permits issued under the police power of the city, and to take action to either grant, deny, or remand to the license review board such license or permit applications pursuant to the applicable provisions of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances regulating the license or permit at issue.

<u>SECTION 3</u>: The authority of the Chief of Staff and any deputy chiefs of staff hereby granted shall only apply to applications for a license or permit which have been referred to the license review board accompanied by a statement that the application has met the legal requirements for the issuance of the license or permit at issue, and which were transmitted to the Mayor by the license review board with a favorable recommendation.

**SO ORDERED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.

ATTESTED:

Andre Dickens, Mayor

Municipal Clerk

Received/Filed.

This day of January 20