

**DECLARATION OF EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCE:  
SUSPENDING THE FORMAL REGULATORY PROCESS FOR  
REGULATIONS CONCERNING A NOVEL CORONAVIRUS**

Due to the imminent and emerging threat of a novel coronavirus (now known as “COVID-19”), which began affecting humans in December 2019, and has since spread to numerous countries, including to the United States and specifically to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I hereby **DECLARE**:

**THAT** The spread of COVID-19 constitutes an emergency that affects the public health of the people of Philadelphia and by the power vested in me as the Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, I hereby suspend the requirements of Section 8-407 of the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter to allow for the temporary promulgation of regulations pertaining to the threat of the spread of COVID-19. Such temporary regulations shall be submitted to the Law Department for approval, and upon such approval shall go into effect upon the delivery by the promulgating board or department head to the Department of Records for public notice of such filing, as are otherwise prerequisites for the promulgation of regulations pursuant to Section 8-407. Any temporary regulations promulgated under this authority shall remain in effect while the promulgating board or department forthwith complies with the procedures required by Section 8-407.

Date: 3/11/20

By: James F. Kenney  
James F. Kenney, Mayor  
City of Philadelphia