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Ordinance

Amendment of Municipal Code Chapter 2-8 by adding new Section 2-8-015 requiring City Council approval for legislation during declared disaster Committee on Ethics and Government Oversight

Committee(s) Assignment:

ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, Beginning in late 2019, a new and highly communicable type of Coronavirus, now commonly known as COVID-19, emerged and began to spread rapidly. Despite efforts to contain COVID-19, it continues to spread throughout Chicago and the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 presents an extraordinarily severe and unprecedented threat to the populace of Chicago. It is necessary and appropriate for the City of Chicago ('City") to take immediate measures to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, The Legislative and Executive Branches are co-equal branches of government; and

WHEREAS, The City Council is able to meet within 48 hours and is therefore able to respond to emergency requests; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO

SECTION 1. Chapter 2-8 of the Municipal Code of the City of Chicago is hereby amended by adding a new Section 2-8-015 as follows:

2-8-015 Legislation During a Declared Disaster

In the event that the City of Chicago or any of its parts falls within the boundaries of any disaster or emergency declared by the federal government of the United States, the State of Illinois, the County of Cook, or the City of Chicago, all actions pursuant to emergency powers including, but not limited to, Orders, Appointments, Ordinances, etc., must be approved and ratified by the City Council.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

Alderman, 4th Ward