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Title: Department of Health Order No. 2020-3 (Applying Governor's Stay-At-Home Executive Order) - Closure of Chicago parks, beaches, paths, trails and recreational facilities

Committee(s) Assignment:

WHEREAS, In an Executive Order filed on March 20, 2020 ("EO2020-10"), the Governor of Illinois directed residents of Illinois to stay at home, subject to limited exceptions, and further directed that people using shared or outdoor spaces outside their home must at all times, to the degree reasonably possible, maintain a distance of six feet from any other person; and

WHEREAS, A significant segment of Chicago's populace has responsibly and appropriately heeded the Governor's necessary directive. However, groups of Chicagoans across the City have recklessly disregarded that directive and continue to congregate, cluster, and engage in group social and recreational activity, unacceptably placing their own health and the health of all Chicagoans in danger; and

WHEREAS, The Municipal Code of Chicago ("Code") authorizes the Commissioner of Health of the City of Chicago to implement emergency measures to stop the spread of communicable diseases, and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the City's residents, including but not limited to authority granted in Sections 2-112-080, 2-112-160(a)(4), and 2-112-170 of the Code, and 77 Ill. Adm. Code Sections 690.1305(a) and 690.1310(c); and

WHEREAS, In order to stop the devastating spread of COVID-19, all Chicagoans must practice a strict and disciplined adherence to stay-at-home and social distancing requirements; now, therefore,

The Commissioner of Health of the City of Chicago hereby orders as follows:

SECTION 1. As set forth in detail on Attachment A hereto: (i) all Chicago parks, beaches, walking, running and cycling paths, trails and other recreational facilities on and adjacent to the Lakefront, including those on the west side of Lakeshore Drive, and (ii) the Chicago Riverwalk and the Bloomingdale Trail, are hereby closed. No person shall be present at any time on any property described in this Section 1 or Attachment A, except for: (i) emergency access by first responders, and (ii) Essential Travel, as defined in EO2020-10, on any public way intended for motor vehicles that runs through or abuts such property.

SECTION 2. Every person in public or private outdoor space shall exercise best efforts to maintain a distance of at least six feet from other people. This requirement

SECTION 3. As mandated by and subject to the limited exceptions in EO2020-10, any gathering of more than ten people on public or private property is strictly prohibited.

SECTION 4. Pursuant to and in conformity with EO2020-10, this Order is in effect and enforceable at all times – 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

SECTION 5. The Chicago Police Department shall increase City-wide focus on ensuring compliance with this Order using any means necessary, employing a graduated approach (warning, then fine, then arrest) as necessary and appropriate.

SECTION 6. In addition to any other penalty provided by law, any person who violates this Order shall be subject to arrest, and to the fines set forth in Section 2-112-340 of the Code.

SECTION 7. This Order shall remain in effect until the Commissioner of Health makes a written determination that the threat to public health posed by COVID-19 has diminished to the point that this Order can be safely repealed.

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Commissioner of Health of the City of Chicago

Dated: 3/26/20

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