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COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ENERGY

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, As the City of Chicago confronts the unprecedented public health crisis of the COVID-19 pandemic, our residents and business are facing devastating illness, stay-at-home orders, social distancing requirements, self-quarantines, lost wages, and financial hardship; and

WHEREAS, Governor Pritzker and Mayor Lori Lightfoot have taken difficult, yet necessary, steps to combat the spread of COVID-19 and "flatten the curve", including issuing stay-at-home orders, requiring "non-essential" business to be closed to the public, prohibiting dine-in service at bars and restaurant, and closing schools, parks, and other public facilities; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 2020-10 issued by Governor Pritzker on March 20, 2020 implemented the stay-at-home order, categorizing businesses as essential or nonessential and establishing conditions to encourage employees considered essential to work from home; and

WHEREAS, Residents and businesses practicing social distancing and following good hygiene, sanitation, and health directives designed to decrease the spread of COVID-19 must be able to adequately dispose of waste produced during this public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, Employees working in sanitation and waste hauling are essential in the fight against the spread of COVID-19, and their work must continue in order to promote and secure the health, safety, and welfare of all Chicagoans; and

WHEREAS, The members of the City Council of the City of Chicago are committed to doing everything in our power to support Chicagoans in these difficult times, including preserving public and private residential and commercial trash removal and recycling services, as disruption of these services would pose an immediate danger to the health and safety of our City during the COVID-19 pandemic; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the members of the City Council of the City of Chicago, gathered here this twenty-second day of April, 2020, do hereby call on Governor J.B. Pritzker and Mayor Lori E. Lightfoot to issue all necessary and appropriate Executive Orders to ensure that no residential or commercial garbage and recycling services are halted or suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic by establishing emergency rules providing that:

1. All waste removal providers providing service within the City of Chicago, including both trash and recycling removal providers, whether provided by a private company, municipality, or other organization, shall not cancel or suspend

business, commercial, or residential waste or recycling removal services as a result of nonpayment due to a significant loss of income or revenue, or an increase in expenses, resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic;

BRIAN HOPKINS Alderman, 2nd Ward

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2. All waste removal providers providing service within the City of Chicago shall not limit or reduce current levels of service to business, commercial, or residential waste or recycling removal contracts during the COVID-19 pandemic; and
3. All other laws or regulations relating to waste or recycling removal remain in effect.