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Committee on Health and Human Relations

ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the outbreak of the novel coronavirus 2019-ncov, also known as COVID-19, has precipitated a worldwide public health crisis, and,

WHEREAS, employees of the City of Chicago, among countless others, continue to perform both regular and extraordinary duties in their roles during the COVID-19 outbreak, and doubtless will in future crises as well, and

WHEREAS, the City is responsible for the health, safety, and wellbeing of its employees in their performance of their duties, and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon "the city that works" to stand as a model worldwide for workers' rights and safety, and

WHEREAS, in this time of crisis we are called upon to evaluate our ordinary and emergency operating procedures, and to better prepare for future crises, now therefore,

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

SECTION 1. A new section 2-152-105 of the Municipal Code of the City of Chicago is hereby added with the following language:

2-152-105 Safety and protective equipment during declared disasters

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 persons employed or contracted to do work by the City of Chicago or its sister agencies shall be provided by their department or supervisor any personal protective equipment (PPE) and other safety measures necessary for the employee's safety during the performance of their duties from hazards caused by or relating to the declared disaster, including but not limited to:

- 1) necessary breathing apparatus for protection against airborne hazards
- 2) sanitary equipment and cleaning facilities adequate to any chemical, bacterial, viral, or biological hazards, including communicable disease

3) protection from communicable diseases in time of epidemic or other, similar outbreak, including at minimum cloth face coverings, either disposable or washed and disinfected between uses

4) shelter and protective gear adequate to weather and other natural hazards

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(5) environmental controls and/or fire protection equipment adequate to any increased risk of fire

In the event that the City of Chicago cannot provide personal protective equipment and safety measures adequate to the hazards of the declared disaster, it shall be unlawful for the City to require employees to continue to perform their duties.

Andre Vasquez, Jr. Alderman, 40th Ward

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SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon passage and publication.

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