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CITY OF CHICAGO

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TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
CHICAGO

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the request of the Director of Administrative Hearings, I transmit herewith an ordinance regarding the holding of remote administrative hearings.

Your favorable consideration of this ordinance will be appreciated.

ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a communicable disease that presents an extraordinarily severe and unprecedented threat to the residents of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, Because of COVID-19, it is dangerous to peoples' health to congregate indoors in large numbers; and

WHEREAS, It is important to hold administrative hearings to adjudicate alleged violations of the Municipal Code of Chicago; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. The Department of Administrative Hearings may hold remote hearings for all hearings, including administrative in-person hearings as defined by Section 9-4-010. If necessary, the Director of Administrative Hearings may issue rules for these administrative hearings. Nothing in this ordinance invalidates remote hearings conducted by the Department of Administrative Hearings or other code hearing units that were conducted prior to the passage of this ordinance. If another ordinance conflicts with this one, this one shall prevail.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect following due passage and approval.

SECTION 3. This ordinance 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that the threat to public health posed by COVID-19 has diminished to the point that this ordinance can be safely repealed.