

**CITY MANAGER'S EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-001  
CITY OF DES MOINES**

**AN EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF DES MOINES** temporarily expanding Des Moines City Council Rule of Procedure 7.1 relating to Participation by Telephonic Communication to address public health and safety concerns given the current emergency created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Public Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public emergency for the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) beginning on January 27, 2020, and

**WHEREAS**, on February 29, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee signed a Proclamation declaring a State of Emergency exists in all counties in the State of Washington due to the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the state and directed that the plans and procedures of the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan be implemented, and

**WHEREAS**, on March 1, 2020, King County Executive Dow Constantine signed a Proclamation of Emergency due to the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in King County thus enabling King County government to take extraordinary measures, and

**WHEREAS**, on March 5, 2020, the City Manager of Des Moines issued a Proclamation of Emergency for the City as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak, and

**WHEREAS**, the outbreak of COVID-19, and its rapid progression in Washington state continues to threaten the life and health of its people as well as the economy of the state, and remains a public disaster affecting life, health, property or the public peace, and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Health — Seattle and King County issued new guidance on March 11, 2020 escalating the importance of taking measures to slow the spread of COVID-19 emergency, and

**WHEREAS**, there is evidence of increasing transmission of COVID-19 within King County, scientific evidence and national public health guidance support strategies to slow the transmission of COVID-19 and protect vulnerable members of the public from avoidable risk of serious illness or death resulting from exposure to COVID-19, and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, the King County Public Health Officer instituted mandatory disease control and containment control measures, including social distancing measures, and

**WHEREAS**, existing Council Rules regarding participation by telephone do not contemplate an epidemic of this nature, and

