# FIRST SUPPLEMENT TO THE SEVENTH AMENDED EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, by proclamation issued March 12, 2020, pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, the Mayor declared a state of local disaster for the City of Dallas resulting from the COVID-19 Pandemic;

WHEREAS, by proclamation issued March 19, 2020, the state of local disaster was extended to April 29, 2020;

WHEREAS, by proclamation issued April 22, 2020, the state of local disaster was extended to May 12, 2020, and continuing concurrently thereafter with the Governor's state of disaster;

WHEREAS, by executive order issued May 18, 2020, Governor Greg Abbott expanded reopening of services as part of the safe, strategic plan to open Texas in response to the COVID-19 disaster;

WHEREAS, Texas Government Code Section 418.1015 states that the Mayor, as the presiding officer of the governing body of the City of Dallas, is designated as the emergency management director and serves as the Governor's designated agent in the administration and supervision of duties under Chapter 418, including exercising the powers granted to the Governor under Chapter 418 on an appropriate local scale;

WHEREAS, Texas Government Code Section 418.108 authorizes the Mayor of the City of Dallas to order the evacuation of all or part of the population from a stricken or threatened area under the jurisdiction and authority of the Mayor if the Mayor considers the action necessary for

the preservation of life or other disaster mitigation, response, or recovery; and authorizes the Mayor to control ingress to and egress from a disaster area under the jurisdiction and authority of the Mayor to control the movement of persons and the occupancy of premises in that area;

WHEREAS, Dallas City Code Section 14B-7 authorizes the City Manager to "promulgate such regulations as he or she deems necessary to protect life and property and preserve critical resources" while a state of disaster is in effect; and

WHEREAS, the Seventh Amended Emergency Regulations promulgated on May 21, 2020, provided further regulations and guidance in alignment with Governor Abbott's executive orders;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the following supplemental regulation takes effect at 8:00 a.m. on June 8, 2020, and shall continue until it is either rescinded, superseded, or amended or until it expires pursuant to applicable law.

## SECTION 1. PROHIBITING CERTAIN CITY BOARD AND COMMISSION MEETINGS.

This section amends Section 12 of the Seventh Amended Emergency Regulations promulgated on May 21, 2020.

All city boards and commissions shall only meet telephonically or by videoconference.

#### SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY.

If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this regulation or any application of it to any person, structure, gathering, or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then that decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this First Supplement to the Seventh Amended Emergency Regulations.

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### SECTION 3. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

That all ordinances of the City of Dallas and the Dallas City Code, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect, save and except as amended by this First Supplement to the Seventh Amended Emergency Regulations.

### **SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This First Supplement to the Seventh Amended Emergency Regulations shall take effect at 8:00 a.m. on June 8, 2020, and shall continue until it is either rescinded, superseded, or amended or until it expires pursuant to applicable law.

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