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EXTENSION OF MAYORAL DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERMITTING THE CITY COUNCIL AND OTHER PUBLIC BODIES OF THE CITY TO MEET BY ELECTRONIC AND TELEPHONIC MEANS

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2021, I issued the Mayoral Declaration of Local State of Emergency for the Purpose of Permitting the City Council and Other Public Bodies of the City to Meet by Electronic and Telephonic Means, a copy of which is attached hereto;

WHEREAS, that Declaration permitted City Council and all other public bodies of the City to continue to meet virtually by electronic and telephonic means through April 30, 2021;

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 positivity rate continues to remain high, again raising concerns about conducting public meetings in-person at this time; and

WHEREAS, while an increased number of people are obtaining vaccinations, the City believes it is prudent to continue to conduct the public business of the City remotely and in a manner so as to not unnecessarily place at risk members of the public, City staff, or members serving on public bodies of the City, which decision and ability is permitted in the Open Meetings Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, THAT pursuant to the authority contained at Section 3 of the Home Rule Cities Act, MCL 117.3 (j) authorizing cities to provide for the public health and safety of persons; Section 3 of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.263(2) permitting a public body to meet by electronic or telephonic means upon declaration of a local state of emergency or state of disaster if meeting in person would place at risk the personal health or safety of members of the public or members of the public body; and Section 2-31 of the Rochester City Code permitting the Mayor to declare a local state of emergency:

I, Stuart Bikson, Mayor of the City of Rochester, based on the findings made by the various governmental agencies, including the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, regarding the public health threat posed by the COVID-19 novel coronavirus and its variant strains, declare that the current local state of emergency shall remain in place for the same reasons and under the same terms and conditions as the

attached April 1, 2021 Declaration. City Council and all other public bodies of the City may continue to meet virtually by electronic and telephonic means through May 31, 2021



Stuart Bikson, Mayor

Date: 4/29/21