Edward M. Augustus, Jr.
CITY MANAGER

CITY OF WORCESTER

ORDER DEFERRING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SECTOR SPECIFIC WORKPLACE SAFETY STANDARDS FOR RESTUARANTS ISSUED BY THE COMMONWEALTH ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2020

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, Governor Charles D. Baker, acting pursuant to the powers provided by Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950 and Section 2A of Chapter 17 of the General Laws, declared a state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts due to the outbreak of the 2019 novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, I, Edward M. Augustus, Jr., city manager of the city of Worcester, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the city charter to act as the chief conservator of the peace within the city, and pursuant to Article Seven, Section 8 of the Worcester Revised Ordinances 2015, Part Two, declared that a state of emergency exists in the entire city of Worcester due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2020, the Governor authorized the issuance of Sector Specific Workplace Safety Standards for Restaurants to Address COVID-19, effective August 11, 2020 ("August 11 Guidelines"); and

WHEREAS, the August 11 Guidelines, limited the size of a party seated at a table to no more than 6 individuals and prohibited bar seating, and

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2020, the Governor authorized the issuance of updated Sector Specific Workplace Safety Standards for Restaurants to Address COVID-19, effective September 28, 2020 ("September 28 Guidelines"); and

WHEREAS, the September 28 Guidelines allow up to 10 individuals to be seated at a table and allows bar seating; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth has designated Worcester as a higher risk community (red) based on the COVID-19 Community-Level Data maintained by the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, allowing increased table sizes and bar seating would have a deleterious effect on Worcester's ability to improve its COVID-19 Community-Level Data and move out of the higher risk category;

NOW THEREFORE, in the interest of protecting the health and safety of the general public in the city of Worcester, I hereby order the following:

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(A) The implementation of the September 28 Guidelines are hereby deferred and the August 11 Guidelines shall remain in effect in Worcester. No party at a restaurant table shall exceed 6 individuals and bar seating is prohibited.

(B) This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until Worcester is designated a *yellow community* on the Commonwealth's COVID-19 Community-Level Data Map.

ORDERED at City Hall this 24th day of September, 2020, by,

Edward M. Augustus, Jr.
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