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EXTENSION OF COVID-19 EMERGENCY DECLARATION

Whereas, the United States of America and the State of Wisconsin have been affected by the worldwide pandemic of the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19), which is a dangerous respiratory illness that can spread from person to person; and

Whereas, on March 18, 2020, and April 9, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Racine issued proclamations declaring a state of emergency to exist in the City of Racine, which proclamations were ratified by the Common Council on April 20, 2020, and extended on May 19, 2020, and August 5, 2020, which proclaimed state of emergency expires at 11:59 PM, December 31, 2020, unless extended or otherwise modified by the Common Council of the City of Racine; and

Whereas, the COVID-19 pandemic and its prevalence in the southeastern Wisconsin region and throughout the United States continues to constitute a public health emergency; and

Whereas, the City of Racine continues a hot spot for infection related to the novel coronavirus. As of November 25, 2020, the total number of cases within the jurisdiction of the Racine Public Health Department is 5,734, including 649 current active cases. Thus far, 55 local residents have passed away from COVID-19; and

Whereas, the latest surge in COVID-19 positive cases is currently more than double what this jurisdiction experienced in the beginning surge from May to early June of this year. The five-day rolling positivity rate as of today is 30%. Over the fourteen days preceding November 25, 2020, the case rate per 100,000 residents was 1,355; and

Whereas, there exists a critical level of community spread; and

Now therefore, it is hereby Resolved that the Common Council of the City of Racine does declare and proclaim as follows:

There exists a continuing public health emergency as contemplated by in Wisconsin Statutes sections 323.11 and 323.14(4) and Racine Ordinance section 34-1.

The now-existing declaration of a state of emergency is extended and shall expire at 11:59 PM, June 30, 2021, unless extended, earlier terminated, or otherwise modified by the Common Council of the City of Racine.

In all other respects, March 18, 2020, April 9, 2020, May 19, 2020, and August 5, 2020, declarations of emergency, as ratified and as approved by the Common Council, continue in full force and effect without modification or abridgment.

Nothing in this Resolution shall be deemed or interpreted to impair or abridge the duties, power, and authority of the Public Health Administrator to perform her duties as set forth in Wisconsin law or Racine ordinance.

Fiscal Note: N/A