CITY OF CAMBRIDGE



ORDER RESCINDING THE CITY'S TEMPORARY EMERGENCY ORDER REMAINING AT PHASE IV, STEP 1 OF THE COMMONWEALTH'S REOPENING PLAN AND NOT PERMITTING THE COMMONWEALTH'S MAY 10th REOPENING CHANGES IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE EFFECTIVE ON MAY 29, 2021

WHEREAS, in response to the outbreak of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19") in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, over the course of 2020 through the present, Governor Charles D. Baker has declared a State of Emergency and issued a number of public health orders initially closing businesses, other than those that provide COVID-19 essential services, and restricting gatherings, and then in response to improving public health data phasing in the reopening of specific industries in Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Cambridge Commissioner of Public Health and Cambridge City Manager declared that a state of emergency exists in the City of Cambridge, and over the course of 2020 through the present the Cambridge Commissioner of Public Health and Cambridge City Manager have issued a number of public health orders specifically targeted to address the COVID-19 public health conditions in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2021, the City issued an Order that it would remain at Phase IV, Step 1 of the Commonwealth's Reopening Plan and would not advance past Phase IV, Step 1, until further notice, and the City would not allow the additional activities Governor Baker allowed in the Commonwealth as of May 10, 2021, until further notice; and

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2021, Governor Baker announced that the Commonwealth will lift all remaining COVID-19 restrictions as of May 29, 2021, and will end the Commonwealth's State of Emergency as of June 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City will also rescind its public health order that addresses face-coverings as of May 29, 2021, and will rescind the City's declaration that a state of emergency exists in the City of Cambridge as of June 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City has continued to closely monitor the public health data and the specific conditions in Cambridge, particularly in light of the availability of COVID-19 vaccinations and the City's cautious approach to reopening, and the City has experienced a sustained decline in the number of cases, hospitalizations and deaths linked to COVID-19; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Cambridge Commissioner of Public Health and the City Manager hereby order as follows:

- The City's Temporary Emergency Order Remaining at Phase IV, Step 1 of the Commonwealth's Reopening Plan and Not Permitting the Commonwealth's May 10th Reopening Changes in the City of Cambridge, effective May 10, 2021, is rescinded and of no effect as of midnight (12:00 a.m.) May 29, 2021.
- 2. Accordingly, effective midnight (12:00 a.m.) May 29, 2021, all COVID-19 restrictions on businesses, organizations and activities in the City are lifted.

Dated: May 27, 2021

Ву:

Assaad J. Sayah, MD, Commissioner of Public Health

Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager