CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

ORDER RESCINDING THE CITY'S AMENDED TEMPORARY EMERGENCY CONSTRUCTION ORDER

RESCINDED EFFECTIVE MONDAY MAY 10, 2021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 March 18, 2020, the Cambridge Commissioner of Public Health and the Cambridge City Manager, issued the City of Cambridge (the "City") Temporary Emergency Construction Moratorium Order of March 18, 2020 (the "Moratorium Order"), that instituted a construction moratorium on all non-essential or non-exempt construction activity; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, the City issued the Moratorium Order and the City of Cambridge Commissioners of Inspectional Services' and Public Works' Mandatory Guidelines for Construction During COVID-19 Pandemic for Contractors Working during the Moratorium; and

WHEREAS, on May 18, 2020, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts announced and implemented Phase I of Reopening Massachusetts and the Governor released the State's Sector Specific Workplace Safety Standards for Construction Sites to Address COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2020, the City issued the City of Cambridge Amended Temporary Emergency Construction Order Amendment No. 1; and

WHEREAS on June 22, 2020, the City issued the City of Cambridge Amended Temporary Emergency Construction Order Amendment No. 2; and

WHEREAS, as of May 2021, the Commonwealth has rescinded and archived its sector-specific protocols for construction and requires the construction industry to comply with the Mandatory Safety Standards for Workplaces and the protocols for Sectors Not Otherwise Addressed; 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 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:

- 1. The City of Cambridge Amended Temporary Emergency Construction Order Amendment No. 2, issued on June 22, 2020, is rescinded and of no effect as of Monday, May 10, 2021.
- 2. All construction shall comply with all applicable Commonwealth Mandatory Safety Standards for Workplaces and the protocols for Sectors Not Otherwise Addressed.

Dated: May 10, 2021

Bv:

Louis A. DePasquale, City Manager

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Assaad J. Sayah, M.D., Commissioner of Public Health