GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUANCE SYSTEM

Mayor's Order 2020-052
March 23, 2020

SUBJECT: Delegations of Authority to Execute Actions Authorized by COVID-19 Response Emergency Amendment Act of 2020

ORIGINATING AGENCY: Office of the Mayor

By virtue of the authority vested in the Mayor of the District of Columbia pursuant to section 422(6) and (11) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973, 87 Stat. 790, Pub. L. No. 93-198, D.C. Official Code § 1-204.22(6) and (11) (2016 Repl.), it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

1. The Director of the Department of Employment Services (DOES) is delegated the authority vested in the Mayor by section 101 of the COVID-19 Response Emergency Amendment Act of 2020 (the "Act"), effective March 17, 2020, D.C. Act 23-247, to administer unemployment insurance to affected individuals during a public health emergency declared by the Mayor pursuant to section 5a of the District of Columbia Public Emergency Act of 1980, effective October 17, 2002 (D.C. Law 14-194; D.C. Official Code § 7-2304.01) ("public health emergency"). The Director of DOES may further delegate any of the authority delegated under this paragraph to subordinates under his or her jurisdiction

2. The Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, Director of the Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD), and Commissioner of the Department of Insurance, Securities, and Banking (DISB) are concurrently delegated the authority vested in the Mayor by section 202 of the Act, effective March 17, 2020, D.C. Act 23-247, to administer a public health emergency small business grant program. The Deputy Mayor, Director of DSLBD, and Commissioner of DISB may further delegate any of the authority delegated to them under this paragraph to subordinates under their jurisdiction.

3. The Commissioner of DISB is delegated the authority vested in the Mayor by section 301(a)(4) of the Act, effective March 17, 2020, D.C. Act 23-247, D.C. Official Code § 7-2304(b)(15), to waive application of any law administered by DISB to protect the health, safety, and welfare of District residents in response to a public health emergency. The Commissioner of DISB may further delegate any of the authority delegated under this paragraph to subordinates under his or her jurisdiction.

4. The Directors of the Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) and Department of Human Services (DHS) are concurrently delegated the authority vested in the Mayor by section 303 of the Act, effective March 17, 2020, D.C. Act 23-247, to extend eligibility

periods for individuals receiving benefits, extend the timeframe for determinations for new applicants, and take other actions as appropriate to support the continuity of, and access to, benefits provided by any public benefit program, including but not limited to the DC Healthcare Alliance, Immigrant Children's Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, and Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program. The Directors of DHCF and DHS may further delegate any of the authority delegated to them under this paragraph to subordinates under their jurisdiction.

5. a. The City Administrator is delegated the authority vested in the Mayor by section 310 of the Act, effective March 17, 2020, D.C. Act 23-247, to prospectively or retroactively extend the validity of a license, registration, permit, or authorization, extend, modify or waive the deadlines for filings, waive fees, fines, and penalties associated with the failure to timely renew a license, registration, permit, or other authorization or to timely submit a filing, and extend or waive the deadline by which action is required to be taken by the executive branch of the District government or by which an approval or disapproval is deemed to have occurred based on inaction by the executive branch of the District government, during or within forty-five (45) days after a public health emergency.

b. The City Administrator shall issue a directive to all subordinate agencies within three (3) days after the issuance of this Order to seek the agencies' recommendations of the specific circumstances in which the authority provided by this paragraph should be exercised.

c. The City Administrator may further delegate any of the authority delegated under this paragraph to subordinates under his or her jurisdiction.

6. **DURATION OF DELEGATION**: The delegations authorized in paragraphs 1 through 5 shall remain valid for the duration of the Act and any substantially similar subsequent temporary legislation.

7. **EFFECTIVE DATE**: This Order shall become effective immediately.

MURIEL BOWSER
MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
KIMBERLY A. BASSETT
SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA