## SECOND MODIFICATION OF THE DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE CITY OF NEW CASTLE DUE TO A PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has determined that a novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") presents a serious public health threat; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020, Delaware Governor John Carney issued a State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 public health threat, effective on March 13, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. EST; and

**WHEREAS,** Governor Carney updated his State of Emergency Order on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020 Michael J. Quaranta, Mayor of the City of New Castle issued a state of emergency in the City due to the COVID-19 public health threat pursuant to Chapter 28 of the City Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 28-3 of the City Code as currently adopted requires the Mayor, as the Senior Elected Official in the City, to extend the state of emergency in seven day increments if the public health threat presented by COVID-19 persists; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 28-3 of the City Code further authorizes the Mayor, as the Senior Elected Official, to modify the provisions of his state of emergency declaration; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Quaranta revised and extended his State of Emergency Declaration on March 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a further extension and modifications to the current state of emergency declaration are appropriate to facilitate the continued operation of City government during this public health crisis;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL J. QUARANTA**, Mayor of the City of New Castle, pursuant to Chapter 28 of the City of New Castle Code, do hereby declare that the State of Emergency declaration issued on March 17, 2020 shall remain in effect beyond April 7, 2020 until further notice, with the following modifications:

- 1. The prohibition against public or private gatherings of 10 or more people shall remain in effect until further order or the public health threat of COVID-19 has been eliminated.
- 2. Essential City functions will continue on schedule, including trash and recycling pickups and police patrols. Fire and EMT first responders from Goodwill Fire Co. will continue to protect City residents and MSC will continue to provide water and electrical service to City properties City leaders continue to monitor the situation and conferring on a near daily basis to address issues as they arise.

3. Except as modified herein, all restrictions and limitations provided for in Governor Carney's emergency declaration of March 12, 2020, as amended through the current date, are hereby incorporated by reference in this Declaration.

APPROVED this 31st day of March, 2020.

Michael J. Quaranta, Mayor