NINTH 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 16th, 18th, 21st, 23rd, 24th, 29th, 30th, April 1st, 6th, 10th, 15th, 23rd, 25th, 29th, May 7th and May 8th 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 further authorizes the Mayor, as the Senior Elected Official, to extend and modify the state of emergency declaration; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Quaranta modified and extended his State of Emergency Declaration on March 24th, March 31st, April 2nd, April 7th, April 14th, April 21st, April 28th and May 5th and;

WHEREAS, the public health threat caused by the COVID-19 pandemic is continuing and has not reached its apex in the State of Delaware.

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, as modified on March 24th, March 31st, April 2nd, April 7th, April 14th, April 21st, April 28th and May 5th of this year, is hereby extended until at least May 19th, 2020, and is further modified as follows:

- 1. 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 Ninth Modification.
- **2.** This order shall have the force and effect of law. The City of New Castle Police Department is authorized to enforce the provisions of any Declaration of a State of Emergency.

APPROVED this 12th day of May, 2020

Michael J. Quaranta, Mayor