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CITY OF FRAMINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS MAYOR YVONNE M. SPICER LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY ORDER NO. EO2020-001

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts issued a Declaration of a State of Emergency to Respond to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued a Proclamation on Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2020, retroactive to March 10, 2020, I determined, in consultation with the federal, state and local public health officials, that COVID-19 poses a significant, immediate threat to the public health, safety, and welfare of people residing both within and outside the City of Framingham, and, as such, I declared a Local State of Emergency retroactive to March 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts issued an Order Assuring Continued Operation of Essential Services in the Commonwealth, Closing Certain Workplaces, and Prohibiting Gatherings of More than 10 People (COVID-19 Order No. 13), which order was revised and extended on March 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Memorial Building remains closed to the public until after May 4, 2020, and unnecessary physical contact between City officials and residents of Framingham must be avoided to mitigate the potential spread of COVID-19;

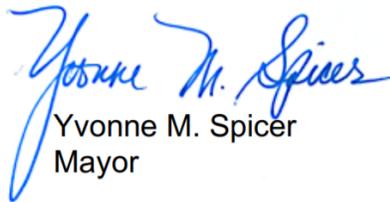
Now, therefore, pursuant to my authority as Mayor under the March 22, 2020 declaration of a local state of emergency, Article III, Section 2 of the Framingham Home Rule Charter, and Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020, I hereby order the following:

1. The Chief of Police shall direct all Framingham parking enforcement officers not to enforce parking restrictions based on time or to issue tickets for overtime parking violations anywhere in the City of Framingham until the local state of emergency is lifted;

2. Pursuant to Section 11 of Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020, the City of Framingham shall waive the payment of interest and other penalty in the event of late payment of any excise, tax, betterment assessment or apportionment thereof, water rate or annual sewer use or other charge added to a tax for any payments with a due date on or after March 10, 2020 and made after its respective due date but before June 30, 2020.

3. Pursuant to Section 11 of Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020, the City of Framingham shall not terminate an essential service of a resident, including but not limited to water service, for nonpayment of taxes or fees with a due date on or after March 10, 2020, made after its respective due date but before June 30, 2020, if the nonpayment resulted from a demonstrated inability to pay due to circumstances related to the outbreak of COVID-19 or the Governor's March 10, 2020 declaration of a state of emergency; provided that the inability to pay shall include a demonstrated financial hardship of a resident, which may include, but not be limited to, loss of employment, serious illness of someone within the home or death of someone within the home.

SIGNED THIS 10th DAY OF APRIL, 2020



Yvonne M. Spicer
Mayor

cc: City Council, School Committee, City Division and Department Heads, Boards and Commissions, Chief Operating Officer, City Solicitor, Dr. Robert Tremblay, Media Outlets