

1 BY AUTHORITY

2 ORDINANCE NO. _____
3 SERIES OF 2020

COUNCIL BILL NO. 20-0282
COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:
Direct File – Clark

6 A BILL

7 **For an ordinance authorizing suspension or cancelation of regular council**
8 **meetings during periods of emergency.**

9 **WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City and County of Denver, by Charter § 3.3.2, shall meet
10 in Council chambers each Monday in regular session except as otherwise may be provided by
11 ordinance; and,

12 **WHEREAS**, City Council, by Section 13-2 of the D.R.M.C., observes certain holidays; and,

13 **WHEREAS**, the City Council finds and declares that in periods of emergency, City Council
14 may need to cancel or suspend its regular meeting schedule in the interest of the health, safety, and
15 welfare of its residents and community; and,

16 **WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020, Mayor Michael B. Hancock filed with the CCD Clerk and
17 Recorder, a State of Local Disaster Emergency Declaration (hereinafter "Declaration"); and,



18 **WHEREAS**, emergency management, including meeting suspensions or closures, in times of
19 public emergencies, disasters and threats to public safety not only for COVID-19, but for other
20 emergencies too, is a vital part of local government, is a matter of local concern and protects the
21 health, safety and welfare of the residents of, and visitors to, the City and County of Denver.

22 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF**
23 **DENVER:**

24 **Section 1.** That a new section 13-3 be added to read as follows:

25 Sec. 13-3. – Cancelation of Monday regular session during periods of emergency.
26 City council may suspend or cancel regular meetings during periods of emergency. An emergency
27 suspension or cancelation of any meetings shall be ordered by the Council President and may
28 supersede council legislative rules to the extent necessary to implement emergency plans. A period
29 of emergency shall remain in effect until the Mayor, City Council, or Council President declares that
30 the threat of danger has passed, or that the emergency condition no longer exists, and that the
31 emergency condition is no longer required to receive State and Federal assistance and terminates
32 the declaration or resolution.

33 **Section 2.** Effective Date. This ordinance takes effect upon passage.
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1 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: N/A
2 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: N/A
3 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL March 23, 2020
4  - PRESIDENT
5 APPROVED: _____ - MAYOR _____
6 ATTEST: _____ - CLERK AND RECORDER,
7 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
8 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER
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10 NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE DAILY JOURNAL _____; _____
11 PREPARED BY: Kirsten J. Crawford, Legislative Counsel DATE: March 13, 2020
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13 Pursuant to section 13-12, D.R.M.C., this proposed ordinance has been reviewed by the office of
14 the City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form, and have no legal objection to the proposed
15 ordinance. The proposed ordinance **is not** submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to §
16 3.2.6 of the Charter.
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18 Kristin M. Bronson, City Attorney
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20 BY: , Assistant City Attorney DATE: Mar. 13, 2020