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3 RESOLUTION NO. 20-0306
4 SERIES OF 2020

COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE:
Direct File - Clark

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6 A RESOLUTION

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8 **A resolution adopting emergency rules for innovative and inclusive access to**
9 **the public so that essential city business can be conducted during the**
10 **declaration of local disaster**

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12 **WHEREAS**, the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or
13 loss of life or property resulting from COVID-19 requires emergency action and resources to avert
14 danger or damage and to protect public health; and,

15 **WHEREAS**, the home rule Charter of the City and County of Denver and the Colorado
16 Disaster Emergency Act, Colo.Rev.Stat. §24-33.5-701, et seq., grant authority to the principal
17 executive officer, Mayor Michael B. Hancock, to declare a local disaster; and,

18 **WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020, Mayor Hancock filed with the CCD Clerk and Recorder, a
19 State of Local Disaster Emergency Declaration (hereinafter "Declaration") (copy attached), which is
20 effective until May 11, 2020, unless extended or rescinded by the Denver City Council (hereinafter
21 "Period of Emergency"); and,

22 **WHEREAS**, Denver City Council has broad general police powers to preserve and enforce
23 good government, general welfare, order and security of the City and County and the inhabitants
24 thereof under Section 3.2.3 of the Charter; and,

25 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Public Health and Environment has broad powers to control
26 communicable diseases under Section 2.12.2 of the Charter and all other powers granted by state
27 law, Colo.Rev.Stat. §24-33.5-709; and,

28 **WHEREAS**, on March 23, 2020, Denver City Council adopted an ordinance to allow
29 emergency cancelations of the regular Monday schedule and take other actions to supersede City
30 Council rules; and,

31 **WHEREAS**, Denver City Council and other public bodies that are unable to cancel or
32 suspend meetings are looking for innovative and inclusive ways to continue to provide the public
33 the fullest possible access to the deliberations and proceedings of public bodies; and,

34 **WHEREAS**, state and local public health shelter and social distancing orders have been
35 issued and will be issued; and,

1 **WHEREAS**, the Denver City Council and Mayor Michael B. Hancock hereby exercise all
2 powers granted to the legislative and executive branches to continue to provide essential
3 government services and offer innovative and inclusive technological solutions so that the public
4 can continue to have fullest possible access to the deliberations and proceedings of City Council,
5 Council Committees, and certain city boards and commissions.

6 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER HEREBY**
7 **DECLARES THE FOLLOWING:**

8 **Section 1.** The attached Emergency Rules of Procedure will apply to the Denver City
9 Council Regular Meetings, Council Committee Meetings, and certain City Boards and
10 Commissions enumerated in the attached document.

11 COMMITTEE APPROVAL DATE: N/A

12 MAYOR-COUNCIL DATE: N/A

13 PASSED BY THE COUNCIL: _____ March 23, 2020

14 _____ - PRESIDENT

15 ATTEST: _____ - CLERK AND RECORDER,
16 EX-OFFICIO CLERK OF THE
17 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER

18 PREPARED BY: Kirsten Crawford DATE: 3-20-20

19 Pursuant to section 13-12, D.R.M.C., this proposed resolution has been reviewed by the Office of
20 the City Attorney. We find no irregularity as to form, and have no legal objection to the proposed
21 resolution. The proposed resolution is **not** submitted to the City Council for approval pursuant to
22 §3.2.6 of the Charter.

23 Kristin M. Bronson, City Attorney

24 BY: Kirsten J. Crawford, Assistant City Attorney DATE: March 23, 2020

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