March 13, 2020

Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager
City of Tacoma
747 Market Street
Tacoma, WA 98402

RE: Delegation of Authority Pursuant to TMC 1.10.090

Dear City Manager Pauli,

On March 13, 2020, an emergency was proclaimed in the City of Tacoma caused by the COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) pursuant to Chapter 1.10 of the Tacoma Municipal Code (“TMC”) and Chapter 38.52 of the Revised Code of Washington (“RCW”).

TMC 1.10.090.C grants the Mayor certain authority in the event of proclamation of emergency, including “control and directing the efforts of the emergency management organization of the City for the accomplishment of the purposes of this chapter [TMC 1.10].”

TMC 1.10.030 and .080, and Chapter 35.82 RCW designate the City Manager as the Director of the City’s Emergency Management Program (“Program”) and empowers the City Manager to direct the functions of the Program.

To avoid a potential conflict in roles, I hereby delegate my authority under TMC 1.10.090.C to control and direct the efforts of the emergency management organization to City Manager Pauli effective until the end of the Proclamation of Emergency in terminated.

Yours in Service,

Mayor Victoria R. Woodards
City of Tacoma
Proclamation of Emergency Rule No. 1

Emergency Rule No. 1 - Social Distancing At Council Meetings

WHEREAS COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus), is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and is caused by a virus easily spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the City Manager and the Mayor of Tacoma, pursuant to Chapter 1.10 of the Tacoma Municipal Code and Chapter 38.52 of the Revised Code of Washington ("RCW"), proclaimed that an emergency exists caused by COVID-19 ("Proclamation") in the City of Tacoma; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Proclamation, the Mayor is authorized to issue rules reasonably related to the protection of life provided, and such rules must be confirmed at the earliest practicable time by the City Council; and

WHEREAS the Tacoma-Pierce Health Department recommends maintaining "social distancing" of six feet away from other people at public events. Social distancing will help prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, to protect the health and safety of the public, the City will follow this guidance by limiting the occupancy of the City Council Chambers during Council meetings; Now, Therefore,

BE IT ORDERED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Effective March 17, 2020, the maximum occupancy of the City Council Chambers, excluding the City Council and City staff, shall be twenty-five (25) persons to allow for maximum social distancing while still allowing the community to attend open public meetings. This Rule shall remain in effect until the Proclamation of Emergency has been terminated.

Dated MAR 13 2020

Attest:

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

City Attorney