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MEMORANDUM

TO:

The Honorable Rick Blangiardi, Mayor

VIA:

Michael D. Formby, Managing Director

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FROM:

Wesley T. Yokoyama, P.E., Director Department of Environmental Services

SUBJECT:

Implementation of COVID-19 Emergency Declarations

This memorandum is to inform you of the various actions that the Department of Environmental Services (ENV) will implement in order to comply with the Governor's emergency proclamation relating to the COVID-19 pandemic dated March 4, 2020, and subsequent related proclamations; the Mayor's emergency proclamation relating to the COVID-19 pandemic dated March 4, 2020, and subsequent related proclamations; and the Mayor's emergency orders addressing the COVID-19 pandemic (collectively, "Emergency Declarations").

In response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, Emergency Declarations and public health best practices were implemented in our community. While vital to stop the spread of COVID-19, the measures have required extraordinary sacrifices by food vendors on Oahu. As a result the food service industry has experienced and continues to experience profound economic hardship.

In order to promote and protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City and County of Honolulu, and to provide relief from the economic impact directly and indirectly caused by COVID-19, it is imperative that the City suspend the restriction on disposable plastic service ware and polystyrene foam food ware, which took effect on January 1, 2021. Therefore, the requirements contained in the following laws, ordinances and/or rules, will be suspended to the extent necessary to accomplish the emergency management functions contemplated by the Emergency Declarations, only to the extent necessary to carry out emergency functions that may be

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hindered, delayed, or otherwise impeded by ENV enforcement and administration requirements:

Revised Ordinances of the City and County of Honolulu, Subsections (b) and (d)
of Section 41-27.2, Restriction on polystyrene foam food ware, disposable plastic
service ware and disposable plastic food ware.

The suspension of the above-referenced laws, ordinances and/or rules shall commence immediately upon approval by the Mayor and shall continue through July 9, 2021, unless the state of emergency or disaster period relating to the COVID-19 pandemic is further extended by the Mayor pursuant to Haw. Rev. Stat. ch. 127A.

We will continue to review the ordinances, rules and regulations under ENV's jurisdiction to determine if other provisions need to be suspended to effectuate the Emergency Declarations.

APPROVAL RECOMMENDED:

Michael D. Formby Managing Director

APPROVED:

Rick Blangiardi

Mayor

Dated: 06-25-2021