DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY - COVID-19

WHEREAS: On January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public health emergency for COVID-19, beginning on January 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS: On February 29, 2020 Governor Jay Inslee issued Proclamation 20-05 Declaring a State of Emergency in all counties of the State of Washington to address the impacts of COVID-19;

WHEREAS: On March 1, 2020 King County Executive Dow Constantine Declared a State of Emergency in King County to address the impacts of COVID-19;

WHEREAS: The cities served by Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District have formally declared states of emergency within Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District to address Covid-19;

WHEREAS: On March 13, 2020 President Donald Trump Declared a National Emergency relating to COVID-19;

WHEREAS: The Washington State and King County outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout the County and Washington State significantly impacts the life and health of our customers and District employees and constitutes a public emergency that affects life, health, and property;

WHEREAS: The Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District Board of Commissioners has determined that the impacts of Covid-19 on the District its customers and employees requires that the Board declare a state of emergency; and,

WHEREAS: The Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District Board of Commissioners has determined that in order to address the emergency, the District General Manager or designee requires the flexibility to make procurement, staffing and other decisions that may exceed the prior delegated authority of the General Manager.

Resolution: NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District that:

1. It is hereby declared that there is an emergency due to the COVID-19 spread in Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District;

2. The General Manager or designee should have full authority to take all necessary actions to protect the District’s customers and employees during such period as the declared Covid-19 emergency exists in King County;
3. Without limiting the foregoing grant of authority, the General Manager or designee is specifically authorized to combat such emergency and to protect the health and safety of persons and property by taking the following nonexclusive actions without additional authorization of the Board of Commissioners and without regard to limits previously established by the Board of Commissioners:

   a. Enter into contracts, incur obligations and make necessary expenditures in excess of policy and budgetary limits,

   b. Waive the requirements of competitive bidding when necessary,

   c. Employ temporary workers and make staffing and scheduling decisions as necessary.

   d. Open and close public facilities to the public as necessary.

Adoption: ADOPTED at an open public meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District on April 21, 2020 the following Commissioners being present and voting:

[Signatures of Commissioners]

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