WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of the State of Connecticut declared a public health emergency and civil preparedness emergency for the State of Connecticut, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 19a-131 and 28-9, in response to the global pandemic of COVID-19 disease associated with a novel coronavirus that is currently affecting multiple countries and states; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency to combat the coronavirus that is currently infecting the population of the United States; and

WHEREAS, in response to the issuance of declarations of a public health emergency and civil preparedness emergency by the Governor of this State, and a national emergency by the President of the United States, and the spread of COVID-19 as a result of the global pandemic, the Chief Executive of the City of Waterbury, its Mayor Neil O'Leary, declared that a state of emergency exists in the City of Waterbury on March 16, 2020, and continuing through September 14, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the Governor of the State of Connecticut issued Executive Order 7C extending the deadlines for the preparation of all municipal budgets for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, by thirty (30) days, notwithstanding any contrary provision in Connecticut General Statues, including the deadlines for conducting public hearings thereon;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the said State of Emergency as declared by Mayor O'Leary, that during said state of emergency the Chief Executive of the City of Waterbury, Connecticut, its Mayor, the Honorable Neil O'Leary shall assume the powers, functions and duties prescribed and provided by law, including but not limited to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 28-8a(a), 28-1(8), and 28-22, and. of the City of Waterbury Charter and Code of General Ordinances of the City of Waterbury, and may take such action as necessary to protect the public health and mitigate this emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waterbury and its Board of Aldermen as the City's legislative body are desirous of altering the schedules and deadlines pertaining to the preparation and submission of the proposed budget and the deliberations and actions thereon pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 7C(5) with respect to the following actions;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN, DO HEREBY,

- 1. Alter the existing schedule of public hearings by postponing the first public hearing deadline of April 15, 2020 to May 15, 2020; and
- 2. Any such other alteration consistent with the Governor's Executive Orders 7C as is necessary and appropriate.