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### **MAYOR VIEAU ANNOUNCES EXTENSION OF THE STAY AT HOME ORDER IN CHICOPEE IN ANTICIPATION OF SLOWING THE SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS**

CHICOPEE — Mayor John L. Vieau announces today that the City of Chicopee will extend the Stay At Home Order through the 18<sup>th</sup> of May in order to maintain the progress on slowing the spread of the coronavirus.

In recognition of the progress made to date, the extended orders will continue to include: social distancing, mandatory face-coverings when around others, no gatherings of people over 10 people, stay home as much as possible, wash hands frequently, and stay home if sick.

While all municipal offices are closed to the public, city departments will still offer customer service through phone calls and online access – residents are encouraged to do all business remotely using U.S. postal, email, website, and dropboxes.

The City of Chicopee will continue to maintain all essential functions (including Fire and Police) and services (including trash and recycle).

“The sacrifices of Chicopee residents are making it possible to keep the number of cases in our community low, and this extension will keep us moving in that direction,” said Mayor Vieau. “The low number of cases are due to our residents abiding by the guidelines that have helped keep our community safe. We are grateful to every abiding resident.”

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“We realize that this is hard for everyone, but we have to keep our focus on protecting those community members most at risk,” says Lisa Sanders, Chicopee Board of Health Director. “We continue to watch the incoming data, and we are seeing the positive effects of everyone’s sacrifice.”

The Chicopee Department of Health staff and volunteer school nurses are working day and night to identify cases of COVID-19 in this community and are asking that everyone stays socially distant, utilize a face-covering if you must go out and report any symptoms to your Primary Care Physician as there are more tests readily available.

This extension aligns with Governor Bakers’ ongoing statewide Stay At Home Order announced on April 28, 2020.

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