EMERGENCY RULES AND REGULATIONS No. 2020-13

To all persons take notice:

That for the protection of life, health, safety and property as affected by reason of the Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19), which resulted in my declaration of a “local emergency” under the authority of Chapter 2, Article IX of the Code of the City of Fort Collins, (City) and which declaration of local emergency was filed with the City Clerk and with the Colorado Division of Emergency Management on March 13, 2020 and extended by City Council adoption of Resolution 2020-030 on March 20, 2020 (Local Emergency), I have hereby established, under the authority of City Code Sec. 2-671(a)(6)a, and 2-675 the following emergency rules and regulations (Emergency Regulation):

1. Because applicants are unable to test and receive a passing certificate for the current International Building Code (“IBC”) adopted by the City of Fort Collins (2018) during the current Local Emergency due to closure of licensing examination facilities, commencing immediately and continuing through the end of the Local Emergency or such time as the locally designated testing facilities that proctor compliant IBC general licensing examinations reopen and resume testing, whichever first occurs, I authorize the City Building Official to accept satisfactory evidence that the applicant has previously passed the 2009 version of the IBC contractor licensing examination.

2. I find that this Emergency Regulation is reasonable and necessary to promote the physical and economic health, safety and welfare of the public as it will:

   a. Temporarily take precedence over the requirements of section 5-26, Adoption of Standards and Section 15-157, supervisor certificate; fees; examinations; renewals; which currently require, a general contractor seeking to receive or renew their license through the City to present evidence of passing the most recent version of the IBC contractor licensing examination.

   b. Recognize that construction continues to be considered a critical function and facilitate provision of necessary construction services to citizens of Fort Collins.

   c. Allow essential construction business to continue to be provided by qualified contractors during closure of the locally designated testing facilities, protecting the economic and physical security of the residents of Fort Collins.
3. Pursuant to Section 2-671(e) of the City Code, the rules and regulations set forth herein shall be disseminated to local radio and television stations and to a newspaper having a general circulation within the City. A knowing violation of these rules and regulations shall be a misdemeanor punishable under Section 1-15 of the City Code.

This Emergency Regulation shall remain in effect as expressly set forth above or until superseded, rescinded or extended by a subsequent emergency regulation, or through the end of the Local Emergency or the reopening of the testing facilities, whichever first occurs.

DATED this 24th day of April, A.D. 2020.

Darin A. Atteberry, City Manager