OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Amended Declaration of State of Emergency and Executive Order for the City of Trenton

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor Philip Murphy issued Executive Order 103 which declared a state of emergency for the public health danger resulting from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of COVID-19 as a Public Health Emergency and a Pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Trenton, I, W. Reed Gusciora, issued a Declaration of Emergency on March 14, 2020, thus triggering the Mayor’s emergency powers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Trenton is experiencing an increase in COVID-19 cases, and it is necessary to return to an increase in safety precautions to minimize, and potentially avoid, a second wave of COVID-19, within the City as well as to limit the unnecessary movement of individuals in and around their communities and person-to-person interactions in accordance with CDC and DOH guidelines; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 104 (2020) deemed a subset of businesses as “essential,” including grocery/food stores, pharmacies, medical supply stores, gas stations, healthcare facilities, and ancillary stores within healthcare facilities, and it authorized the State Director of Emergency Management, who is the Superintendent of State Police, to make additions, amendments, clarifications, exceptions, and exclusions to that list; and

WHEREAS Executive Order No. 104 (2020) made clear that such essential businesses may continue operating without limits on their scope of service or hours of operation, absent further amendments by the State Director of Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS I, as Mayor, issued an Amended Declaration of Emergency and Executive Order effective November 19, 2020 through December 5, 2020; and
WHEREAS the number of COVID-19 cases continues to rise and there is a need to continue the Declaration of Emergency issued on November 19, 2020;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Mayor of the City of Trenton, I hereby issue this Amended Declaration of Emergency and Executive Order, effective immediately, this 4th day of December, 2020 through January 3, 2021, or until further Declaration has been issued:

1. All City businesses, including restaurants, bars and grocery stores, must close at 10 p.m. daily. Gas stations may stay open only to dispense gas. Restaurants and drive-through businesses may be open for pickup or delivery until 11 p.m., provided that no parties are allowed to congregate inside or outside of the establishment. This Declaration shall not affect those businesses which have been deemed “essential,” including grocery/food stores, pharmacies, medical supply stores, gas stations, healthcare facilities, and ancillary stores within healthcare facilities, as authorized the State Director of Emergency Management, who is the Superintendent of State Police, as well as any additions, amendments, clarifications, exceptions, and exclusions to that list.

2. All City residents are encouraged to remain indoors after 10:00 p.m., wear masks, practice social distancing techniques as recommended by the CDC by avoiding large crowds, and, whenever possible, keep a distance of six (6) feet.

3. All City residents are strongly encouraged not to have large family gatherings during the December holidays, and particularly not to host persons from states which are on the Governor’s travel advisory list.

If any provision of this Amended Emergency Declaration and Executive Order, or the application of any provision to any party or conditions, shall be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Amended Declaration and Executive Order, to the extent applicable by law, shall remain in full force and effect.

This Amended Declaration and Executive Order shall be kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Business Administrator. It shall be made available to the public upon request.

By: _________________________________

W. Reed Gusciora
W. Reed Gusciora
Mayor
Executed on this 4th day of December, 2020.

As to form and legality:

By: _________________________________

Julie Murray
Assistant City Attorney
As to filing with the City Clerk:

By: ______________________________________
    Matthew Conlon
    City Clerk