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**EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE MAYOR  
OF THE  
CITY OF JERSEY CITY**

**WHEREAS**, the Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a contagious respiratory disease caused by SARS-CoV-2 and is, at times, fatal; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 30, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared the outbreak of COVID-19 Public Health Emergency for the United States to aid in the nation’s healthcare community in responding to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of the State of New Jersey declared a Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency exist in the State of New Jersey due to the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, as of March 11, 2020, there were twenty-three presumed positive cases of COVID-19 across New Jersey, with additional “Persons Under Investigation” spread across numerous counties; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2020, the State of New Jersey announced the first COVID-19 related death in the State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, if the spread of COVID-19 continues in New Jersey at a rate compared to the rate of spread in other affected areas, it will greatly strain the resources and capabilities of county and municipal governments, including public health agencies providing essential services for containing and mitigating the spread of contagious diseases, such as COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) expects that continued person-to-person spread of COVID-19 is likely to occur; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the widespread infection of COVID-19, the CDC recommends implementing social distancing measures and avoid large gatherings of people; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Jersey City (the “City”) is home to many restaurants and bars which attract large gatherings of people; and

**WHEREAS**, these restaurants and bars experience a high influx of patrons during the night hours; and

**WHEREAS**, the high influx of patrons coupled with the consumption of alcohol at these premises can lead to an uncontrolled environment; and

**WHEREAS**, an uncontrolled environment can strain the City's emergency response resources; and

**WHEREAS**, an uncontrolled environment is more likely to lead to the spread of COVID-19 because it can prevent businesses and the City from identifying individuals potentially exposed to COVID-19, thereby harming the City's ability to adequately notify others of potential exposures; and

**WHEREAS**, in an effort to avoid or minimize an outbreak of COVID-19 within the City, the City of Jersey City believe it is necessary to implement precautionary measures to limit uncontrolled environments and large gatherings of people; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me by law as Mayor of the City of Jersey City, I hereby issue this Executive Order:

1. All venues located within Jersey City that are licensed to sell liquor are required to close by 10:00 pm each day until further notice.
2. This Executive Order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded by the Mayor.

If any provision of this Executive Order, or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstances, shall be held invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of this Executive Order to the extent it can be given effect, or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid or unenforceable shall not be affected thereby, and to this extent the provision of this Executive Order are severable.

The Executive Order shall be kept on file in the Offices of the City Clerk and Business Administrator. It will be made available to the public upon request.

March 12, 2020

By,

  
**STEVEN M. FULOP**  
**MAYOR**