



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

**Second Amended Declaration of State of
Emergency
for the City of Trenton**

WHEREAS, the United States of America and the State of New Jersey are under a public health emergency due to the novel coronavirus COVID19; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey is anticipated to have thousands of cases of COVID-19 and Mercer County will have at least hundreds of cases; and

WHEREAS, there are residents of the City that are known to have become infected with COVID-19; and

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 on March 16, Governor Murphy executed Executive Order 104, which provided for specific actions to control the public health emergency as well as Executive Order 107 on March 21, 2020 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, the Mayor of the City, I, Reed Gusciora, issued a Declaration of Emergency on March 14, 2020, thus triggering the Mayor's powers; and

WHEREAS, , the CDC recommends that for the next eight weeks, gatherings of 10 or more people be canceled or postponed throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, , restricting the physical presence of individuals in business and retail environments is critical to preventing future spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS the City of Trenton recognizes a compelling public safety interest in regulating the operating hours of the various businesses within the City limits during the time of emergency; and

WHEREAS, there has been a significant increase in violent incidents, including shootings committed in the City of Trenton. Some of which have occurred during late-night and early-morning hours or during times when most other businesses are closed; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has made a finding that the incidents of violence during the prior 48 hours has caused civil disobedience to such a degree as to create a danger to the public and to property which has created a public emergency requiring a closure of businesses and the imposition of a curfew until the end of such emergency; and

WHEREAS, the incidents of violence have triggered the Mayor's powers under New Jersey Statutes as well as Section 2-201 and 233-13 of the Code of the City of Trenton; and

WHEREAS, the incidents of violence have involved the use of All Terrain Vehicles, otherwise known as ATVs;

NOW THEREFORE:

To all City of Trenton residents, as of 12:00am (noon) today, April 6, 2020, in consultation with the City's Emergency Management Coordinator (OEM Coordinator) and the Director of Police, the City has amended the Declaration of a State of Emergency within the City of Trenton as we continue to deal with the local and regional presence of the COVID-19 virus, commonly known as Coronavirus, and same is amended as follows:

Specifically, it is Ordered that:

1. The prohibitions, restrictions and Orders set forth in my Declaration dated March 14, 2020, and the terms pursuant to which such prohibitions and restrictions apply, shall continue to remain in full force and effect during the ongoing state of emergency.
2. There is hereby imposed an 8:00PM to 6:00AM closing of all Businesses within the City of Trenton including gas stations.
3. There is hereby imposed an 8:00PM to 6:00AM curfew for ALL individuals within the City of Trenton limits, including vehicular traffic, upon the public streets, ways or places within the City of Trenton, except as authorized by me other designated officials or for police, fire or other emergency vehicles.
4. All off-road type vehicle, ATV and similar vehicles are hereby banned from use within the City of Trenton whether on private property, or public roads,

and parks, for the duration of this emergency. Any individual operating an ATV or similar vehicle during this time shall have the ATV seized by the Trenton Police Department.

5. Effective immediately, all Gas Stations are hereby prohibited from the sale of gas to any ATV or similar vehicle during the time of this emergency.
6. All Business that are operating between the hours of 6:00AM to 8:00PM must maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet between customers.
7. Any Business that violates any of the provisions of this declaration are subject to closure for the duration of the emergency by order of the Mayor.
8. Violations of this Declaration shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$2000 per offense.

The City will continue to provide residents with public service announcements twice daily, at 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM, through social media and the City website. The URL's to both can be found below:

- <https://www.facebook.com/cityoftrentonnj/>
- <https://www.trentonnj.org/542/Coronavirus-Disease-2019-COVID-19>

While we rely upon the expertise of federal, state and county officials to help contain this virus, we have faith in our neighbors and fellow citizens to rise to this challenge for the good of our City in the weeks to come.

In the meantime, be safe and please follow recommended guidance from your healthcare provider.

By:  _____
W. Reed Gusciora
Mayor