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**CITY OF HOBOKEN
ORDINANCE NO.:**

**ORDINANCE TEMPORARILY UPDATING CHAPTER 168: PERMIT TO
USE STREETS**

WHEREAS, businesses in Hoboken have suffered tremendously as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, once the current operational restrictions are lifted by Governor Murphy and businesses are permitted to re-open, under new guidelines; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council wants to safely support small businesses while giving residents access to outdoor amenities.

WHEREAS, a pedestrian friendly Washington Street would aid in social distancing; and,

WHEREAS, the additional retail and hospitality space that could be made available on Washington Street, would help small businesses; and,

WHEREAS, this ordinance if passed will not close down Washington Street, rather it lowers the administrative hurdles present in the current law; and,

WHEREAS, if passed, the Hoboken Business Alliance may, more effectively and quickly, request short-term and temporary closures of Washington Street for use by the small business community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Hoboken that we hereby approve the following temporary changes to the permits required to use Washington Street.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all regulations updated herein shall expire at the end of the calendar year, unless extended by ordinance.

§ 168-18

Permit to use streets for private purposes.

A.

No permission shall be given to any person to use the streets or public places of the City for any private purpose, except upon the terms, conditions and in the manner herein provided. This section does not relate to or affect peddlers and other small dealers doing business under permits or established licenses.

B.

Any person desiring to obtain permission to use the streets and public places of the City for any such purpose shall make application in writing therefor to the Mayor, stating particularly the use or uses he desires to make of such street or public places, and what structures or works they propose to erect or place therein.

C.

License fees. As consideration for use of municipal rights-of-way, the licensee shall pay the City the following fees:

(1)

An administrative fee of \$50 upon filing the initial application and each proposed amendment to the application.

(2)

A flat fee of \$5,000 per year for each ten-year period the license is in effect payable on the issuance of the license and on the anniversary date of the issuance of the license.

(3) For the remainder of the 2020 calendar year:

- a. The Hoboken Business Alliance may petition the City Council to temporarily close down Washington Street, so long as the intended goal of the closure is to support local businesses and provide for safe social distance shopping.
- b. Administrative and flat fees mentioned here within, may be waived via resolution of the Council if deemed to support the economic health of the business community
- c. Pursuant with §39:4-197.3 the Council may via resolution, and with the sign off from the mayor, fire chief and police chief, implement the closure

of a part, or the whole, of Washington Street for the emergent and temporary conditions brought about by Covid-19.

Meeting Date: May 6, 2020

Approved as to Legal Form:

Vetoed by the Mayor for the following reasons:

 Brian Aloia, Esq. Corporation Counsel

Adopted by the Hoboken City Council
 By a Vote of _____ Yeas to _____ Nays
 On the ___ day of _____, 2020

-or-

Approved by the Mayor
 On the ___ day of _____, 2020

 James Farina, City Clerk

 Ravinder S. Bhalla, Mayor

✓ Vote Record - CC - Ordinance						
		Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain/Alternate	Absent	
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