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Commissioner and Chair

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COMMISSION DIRECTIVE

To all licensees and registrants:

In response to the COVID-19 crisis, Mayor Bill de Blasio and Speaker Corey Johnson announced the Open Streets Initiative. The initiative is designed to provide greater social distancing among New Yorkers by permitting certain streets to remain open to pedestrians and cyclists only. The affected areas will remain open for specified days and times, most generally every day between the hours of 8am to 8pm, starting this week. A list of the affected roadways is attached hereto.

Pedestrians and cyclists can use the roadbed of each open street. No through traffic will be permitted except for limited access for local deliveries, pick-ups/drop-offs, necessary city service vehicles, and emergency vehicles. Permitted drivers are alerted to be vigilant and to drive no faster than 5 MPH along these streets.

All licensees and registrants are hereby directed to complete waste collection in the affected areas between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Customers in the affected areas should also be notified that service *may* be interrupted or altered accordingly. Business Integrity Commission (BIC) enforcement agents will be patrolling the affected areas to ensure compliance with this Directive. For more information regarding the open street initiative, please visit the DOT website at: <https://www1.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/pedestrians/openstreets.shtml>.

Failure to comply with this Directive may result in administrative penalties and/or fines up to \$10,000. *See* 17 RCNY 1-09. Failure to comply with this Directive may also affect your company's licensing or registration status with BIC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Noah", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Noah D. Genel
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