



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
JOSEPH A. CURTATONE
MAYOR

CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
MAYOR AND BOARD OF HEALTH

EMERGENCY ORDER REGARDING GROCERY RETAIL

WHEREAS, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has declared a State of Emergency on March 10, 2020 due to the virus that caused the Coronavirus 2019 (“COVID-19”) pandemic;

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Somerville has determined that the threat of COVID-19 poses a present, real and imminent danger to public health, safety, and general welfare of the people of Somerville and as such declared a State of Emergency in the City of Somerville on March 15, 2020;

WHEREAS, both restaurants and grocery stores are considered essential businesses;

Therefore, to effectively operate and provide essential services as described above, for the duration of the emergency, the following regulations are suspended, subject to the approvals listed below:

- 1 Zoning and/or licensing requirements that would otherwise restrict or prohibit the sale of grocery items from restaurants or cafes are hereby suspended, upon approval of the Director of Inspectional Services.
- 2 In order to sell grocery items as part of a pick-up or delivery service, businesses that have not previously sold direct to consumer grocery items must provide a detailed operations and safety plan for the storage and distribution of groceries to the Director of Inspectional Services for review and approval.

Douglas Kress, Director of Health and Human Services
Acting Agent of the Board of Health

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone

Date: April 17, 2020

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