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**TRENTON CITY COUNCIL
CONFERENCE SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING
TRENTON CITY HALL, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
319 EAST STATE STREET
THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2025, AT 5:30 PM
A G E N D A**

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. FLAG SALUTE**
- III. STATEMENT:** Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, pursuant to Public Laws 1975, Chapter 231. This Agenda is complete to the extent known and was sent to the Trenton Times and the Trentonian Newspapers, posted on the first-floor bulletin board in City Hall, filed in the City Clerk's Office and posted on the City of Trenton Website. Formal action will be taken.
- IV. ROLL CALL**
- V. INVOCATION**
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**
- X. NEW BUSINESS:**

ORDINANCES [1st Reading and Introduction]

- 25-68 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 201 (PEACE AND GOOD ORDER) TO REQUIRE THE HIRING OF OFF-DUTY LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FOR PRIVATE GATHERINGS WITHIN THE CITY OF TRENTON CONSISTING OF 50 PEOPLE OR MORE**
- 25-69 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 146, ARTICLE V (HOURS OF OPERATION) TO FURTHER RESTRICT THE HOURS OF OPERATION FOR BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS LOCATED IN NONRESIDENTIAL ZONES AND REMOVE CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS.**
- 25-70 AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING PERMITS FOR PUBLIC GATHERINGS OR ASSEMBLIES IN EXCESS OF FIFTY (50) PERSONS AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF**

- XI. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- XII. CIVIC COMMENT**
- XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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The agenda is subject to change at the discretion of Council leadership.

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1st Reading _____

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WESLEY BRIDGES, ESQ., CITY ATTORNEY

BRANDON L. GARCIA, RMC, CITY CLERK

Councilman /woman _____ presents the following Ordinance:

Sponsored by: _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 201 (PEACE AND GOOD ORDER) TO REQUIRE THE HIRING OF OFF-DUTY LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FOR PRIVATE GATHERINGS WITHIN THE CITY OF TRENTON CONSISTING OF 50 PEOPLE OR MORE

WHEREAS, the City of Trenton has determined that private businesses and non-profits that hold large events in the City of Trenton consisting of 50 or more people without adequate security and police presence poses a significant risk to public safety and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the City of Trenton seeks to promote health, safety and welfare by ensuring adequate security and law enforcement presence at large gatherings and is committed to protecting both the safety of its citizens and the economic stability of establishments doing business in the city;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council for the City of Trenton as follows:

1. That *Section 201 (Peace and Good Order)* of the code of the City of Trenton is hereby amended by adding the following language as:

Article VII

§ 201-18 (Off-Duty Law Enforcement for Private and Non-Profit Events)

A. Any business or non-profit that knows or reasonably should know that that a planned event will involve fifty (50) or more shall:

1. Enter into as agreement with the City of Trenton Police Department or its designee to retain a sufficient number of off-duty police officers for the event consistent with he provisions of Article XII, Section 2-58.2 (Employment of off-duty police officers).

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B. The Police Director shall have the authority to:

1. Determine the exact number of officers required based on the nature of the event, location, time, history, and other public safety considerations;
2. Waive or modify the requirements in cases of demonstrated hardship, minimal risk, or overriding public interest.

§ 201-18 (Violations and penalties)

First Violation: Warning and notice of corrective action:

Second Violation: Fines up to \$2,000, mandatory Security Operations plan.

Third Violation (within 12 months): Suspension or revocation of business license, civil action for cost recovery.

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 146, ARTICLE V (HOURS OF OPERATION) TO FURTHER RESTRICT THE HOURS OF OPERATION FOR BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS LOCATED IN NONRESIDENTIAL ZONES AND REMOVE CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS

WHEREAS, the City Council of Trenton has determined that allowing establishments located within the city to be open for business or invite or permit access by the general public until 2:00 A.M. poses a significant risk to public safety and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, limiting certain establishments located in the city to being open no later than 12:00 has been determined in the best interest of the city's residents and will promote public safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the city is committed to protecting both the safety of its citizens and the economic stability of establishments doing business in the city;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council for the City of Trenton as follows:

1. That *Section 146-22 (Hours established; public access when closed; alcoholic beverage premises.)* of the code of the City of Trenton is hereby amended by changing the following language in *Section 146-22 D* thereof as follows:

No establishment whose buildings or grounds are ~~within 100 feet to the closest point of a residential property line situated within any residential zone of the City or~~ located within a nonresidential zone shall be open for business or invite or permit access by the general public ~~for any other purposes~~ between the hours of ~~2:00~~ 12:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. unless expressly exempted under § 146-23, Applicability.

2. That *Section 146-23 (Applicability.)* is hereby amended as follows:

This article applies to any business that sells to the general public any goods, merchandise, food or material, except in those categories of businesses listed below which are specifically exempted, along with any businesses or establishments which have been in continuous, uninterrupted operation since prior to October 6, 1988, are in the same location and owned by the same individual or entity since that date, and are primarily and substantially operated as:

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A. Hotels.

~~B. Twenty-four hour diners.~~

~~C. B.~~ Fast-food or quick-service restaurants where business is conducted solely through a drive-up window during otherwise prohibited hours of service.

~~D. C.~~ Pharmacies.

~~E. D.~~ Licensed alcoholic beverage premises. This exemption extends only to the sale of alcoholic beverages between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m. Hours of operation as stipulated under § 10-5, Restrictions, still apply.

~~F. E.~~ Gasoline stations.

(1) This provision shall not exempt the operation of a retail portion of a business which is primarily a gasoline station unless the business owner can demonstrate that they cannot reasonably operate the gasoline filling portion of the business without accessing the retail portion. A gasoline station shall be exempt from the operating hour restrictions as defined in § 146-22 only if it fulfills one of the following requirements:

(a) Operating on a property along state-administered highways or designated trucking routes;

(b) Employing an off-duty police officer between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 5:00 a.m. as set forth in § 2-58.2 of the Trenton City Code.

(c) Taking other security measures as may be defined by the Director of the Trenton Police Department or a designee.

(2) All gasoline stations not fulfilling one or more of the above criteria shall not operate between the hours of 12:00 midnight. and 5:00 a.m.

~~G. F.~~ Bakeries in which baking operations are actually conducted on the premises.

~~H. Located within the City's established Entertainment District~~

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AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING PERMITS FOR PUBLIC GATHERINGS OR ASSEMBLIES IN EXCESS OF FIFTY (50) PERSONS AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Trenton has determined that large, unregulated public gatherings or assemblies pose potential risks to public safety, and threats to the health, safety and welfare of the general public.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Trenton as follows:

1. No person, entity or group shall organize or permit any public gathering, assembly, meeting, demonstration, rally, celebration, social event, party, or any other congregation of more than (50) persons on any public property, street, sidewalk, park, or other city owned property without first having obtained a permit from the Trenton Police Department and/or Department of Recreation and Natural Resources. Any person, entity, or group that displays any advertising, flyers, social media posts or signage, relating to said gathering or event shall be presumptively determined to be an organizer or permitter as set forth above.
2. An application for said permit and approvals shall be submitted to the Trenton Police Department and/or Department of Recreation not later than 5 days prior to the intended gathering on a permit application, which shall contain at minimum; the name, address, and contact information of the organizer(s) or sponsor(s); the location, date and time of the proposed gathering; the estimated number of attendees; and the nature of the activities to occur. Such an application may be denied if, in the determination of the aforesaid City Departments, (1) the application is in-complete; (2) the location, date, time or nature of the proposed gathering poses articulable conflict with any other lawful activity, or poses an articulable threat to the public safety.
3. This Ordinance shall not apply to any bona fide religious services, private residential gatherings, funerals held on private property, or any Government organized or sponsored events.

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4. In the event it is determined by the Trenton Police Department that a gathering or event is being held in violation of this Ordinance, the attendees shall be directed to disperse. The Trenton Police are empowered to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance, including the issuances of summonses in Trenton Municipal Court, including summonses to any attendees who fail to disperse as directed. Such summonses may be brought under this Ordinance or any applicable State Statute, including the New Jersey Criminal Code (NJSA 2C:1-1 et seq.)
5. A fine of \$2,000 shall be imposed by the Trenton Municipal Court for a violation of this Ordinance by any person or entity that organizes or permits such a gathering or event. A fine of \$1,000 shall be imposed by the Trenton Municipal Court against any attendee who fails to disperse pursuant to a directive of the Trenton Police Department.

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect pursuant to NJSA 40:69A-181 and other applicable law.

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