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Memo to: Mayor Outlaw and Board of Aldermen

From: Mark A. Stephens, PE, City Manager

Re: **Temporary Modifications of Downtown Parking to Accommodate Curbside Pick-Up of Orders from Restaurants**

As you may be aware, the Governor of North Carolina issued a restriction on dine-in eating at all restaurants and bars throughout the State of North Carolina beginning today at 5pm. To assist businesses in the downtown that do not have curbside options, the following modifications to the parking policies will be implemented temporarily to assist our downtown restaurants with continuity of operations and provide dining options to citizens. These modifications will remain in place until the restriction by the Governor is lifted or otherwise rescinded by the City of New Bern.

Temporary Downtown Restaurant Curbside Program

The City of New Bern is proposing to enact the following modifications to downtown parking enforcement while the City is in a State of Emergency.

- All downtown parking will continue to be enforced Monday through Friday 8a-4pm during the State of Emergency.
- The following would apply for downtown restaurants to allow continued operations to meet the latest restriction imposed by the Governor regarding dine-in and take-out only for restaurants and bars beginning at 5pm.

Food service establishments must agree to the following restrictions in order to participate in the temporary downtown restaurant curbside program. All agreements shall be on file with the New Bern Police Department.

- FSE (Food Service Establishments) will mutually agree to provide someone to regulate the parking spaces during business hours. The spaces will be designated with road cones provided by the City of New Bern.
- These spaces shall not be used for pick-up inside the restaurant. Passengers must stay in their cars and staff from the FSE shall bring food to the car. FSE will not

allow stacking of vehicles onto the travel portion of the street but will encourage customers to circle the block until curbside space is available. All vehicles must remain to the right of the center of the roadway

- FSE shall create their own policy in terms of payment and food delivery to the vehicles and ensuring safe food delivery methodologies per state/county guidelines.
- The City of New Bern will not enforce parking restrictions within curbside areas and cannot guarantee the availability of curbside spaces when not staffed by FSE. Any issues shall be reported to the NBPD at their non-emergency phone number (252-633-2020). If there is an emergency, dial 911.

Each restaurant in the MSD shall be paired with another restaurant based upon geographic location, if available. Those pairings are as follows:

- Chelsea/Bella's Coffee/Cow Café/Bay Leaf - 3 spaces
- Baker's Kitchen/Cypress Hall - 3 spaces
- Blackbeard's/Oyster Bar - 3 spaces
- Captain Ratty's/MJ's - 3 spaces
- Beer Army Burger Company - 2 spaces
- Thai Restaurant/Prohibition/Morgan's - 3 spaces
- Weiner House - 2 space

The City of New Bern will work collectively with each pairing to identify a mutually agreeable location and identify it on a map that shall be agreed upon by all parties. Once restrictions enacted by the Governor are lifted or as determined by the City of New Bern, this temporary modification to the parking policy will be rescinded.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or further concerns regarding this matter.