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EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE HONORABLE HECTOR C. LORA, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PASSAIC

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New Jersey declared a Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency in the State of New Jersey on March 9, 2020 due to the spread of COVID-19 which continues to be in existence; and

WHEREAS, because the number of COVID-19 positive cases in the City continues to increase, this has financially impacted the City's residents as well as placed significant strain on offices and businesses, including the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission; and

WHEREAS, throughout this pandemic Passaic residents have been forced to endure closings, re-openings, long lines, and delays at New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission ("MVC") announced that as of December 14, 2020 all MVC Centers will be open by appointment only, which can possibly lead to a backlog due limited appointment times; and

WHEREAS, as of January 29, 2021 seven (7) of the thirty-nine (39) MVC Centers remain closed due to MVC employees testing positive for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the long lines, limited appointments, and the closure of MVC Centers many Passaic residents have been traveling to locations throughout the State to address their motor vehicle issues; and

WHEREAS, as a result thereof, many essential workers have been unable to renew their vehicle registration and driver's license; and

WHEREAS, I, as Mayor, seek to ensure that the City's residents and essential workers do not face additional financial strain by having their vehicles towed for an expired vehicle registration and/or driver's license.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by law as the Mayor of the City of Passaic, I, Hector C. Lora hereby ORDER as follows:

1. There shall be a moratorium on the towing of all unregistered vehicles and/or vehicles of individuals whose driver's license has expired. Vehicles may only be towed if they are in or create a dangerous or hazardous condition. This Executive Order shall not prohibit the towing of vehicles involved in criminal activity. In all such cases, a City of Passaic Police Officer must be present for the towing of any vehicle within the City of Passaic.
2. This Executive Order shall only apply to the towing of an unregistered or unlicensed vehicle located within the City of Passaic and shall have no effect on other municipalities. This Executive shall exclude any

towing for an unregistered or unlicensed vehicle on any highway that is monitored by any other law enforcement agency.

3. This Executive Order shall not prevent the issuance of a ticket for an unregistered vehicle, unlicensed driver or any other violation.
4. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until replaced by subsequent Executive Order.
5. If any provision of this Executive Order, or the application of any provision to any such person or circumstance, shall be held invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of this Executive Order to the extent it can be given effect, of the application of such provision to person or circumstance other than those to which it is held invalid or unenforceable shall not be affected thereby, and to this extent the provisions of this Executive Order are severable.
6. This Executive Order shall be kept on file in the Office of the City Clerk, published on the City's website and shall be made available to the public upon request for same.



Honorable Hector C. Lora, Mayor

Dated: January 29, 2021