



## **CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS**

### **MAYOR AND BOARD OF HEALTH**

#### **EMERGENCY ORDER REGARDING RETAIL AND PERSONAL CARE SERVICES**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor of the City of Somerville has determined that the threat of coronavirus 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**, COVID-19 is easily transmitted, especially in group settings, and it is essential that the spread of the virus be slowed to protect the ability of public and private health care providers to handle the influx of new patients and safeguard public health and safety;

The Board of Health, acting by and through its agent, pursuant to 310 CMR 11.05 and all other authorizing statutes and regulations, along with the Mayor hereby order that on March 22, 2020 at 12:01 AM all personal and retail services offered to the public in person (as opposed to delivery) are hereby discontinued in order to further encourage social distancing among members of the public. This includes, but is not limited to, the following, hairdressers and barbers, nail salons, massage and spa services, body art, body work, and general retail stores.

This order does NOT include childcare services or services provided by a licensed healthcare provider such as, but not limited to, physical therapy, speech therapy, or occupational therapy. In addition, this does NOT include stores that sell groceries, hardware stores, liquor stores, bicycle shops, laundromats, dry cleaners or stores that sell essential household goods and cleaning products. This Emergency Order shall remain in effect until notice is given, pursuant to the Board of Health's judgment that the Public Health Emergency no longer exists.

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

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone

Date: March 20, 2020