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NJ STATE DIVISION OF ALCHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL HOLDS CITY OF PATERSON'S BUSINESS CURFEW, VIA FINAL CONCLUSION ORDER

Paterson - - Corporation Counsel Domenick Stampone announced that the State Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control has upheld the City's Business Curfew – as applied to alcoholic beverage licensees – via a “Final Conclusion and Order” received by the City of Paterson this month.

The Business Curfew, which imposes a midnight closing upon businesses in specified street areas having high rates of crime and nuisance, has been the subject of a lengthy appeal, which the recent “Final Conclusion and Order” has brought to an end.

The law has had the support of residents, and the Paterson Police Department, who gathered data to make recommendations as to which street areas were to be included.

The City's Business Curfew was adopted in 2014, with a group of liquor store owners appealing the law to the State A.B.C., requesting a temporary stay, which was denied. The appellants then presented the matter to the Superior Court Appellate Division three times, and in all instances the Court determined that the matter should be decided by the State A.B.C. The matter was then sent by the State A.B.C to an Administrative Law Judge for an Initial Opinion: he decided in favor of the City, and via the “Final Conclusion and Order” the A.B.C. accepted his decision as their own.

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