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City of Newburgh Police Department to Begin Enforcement of Local Law Affecting Business Hours of Operation May 4

The City of Newburgh Police Department will soon begin enforcement of Local Law 189, Hours of Operation. Police officers hand-delivered notices in English and Spanish to merchants affected by the ordinance a few weeks ago, and enforcement is slated to begin the weekend of May 4. The law was originally passed by the City Council in 2002.

Under the law, many retail establishments will be required to close between the hours of 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. The exceptions are as follows:

- Restaurants
- Bars
- Any establishments otherwise regulated by state laws or other regulations that preempt the regulation of hours by the City.
- Bowling alleys
- Billiard parlors
- Barber shops & beauty parlors
- Gas stations
- Hotels & motels
- Pharmacies or the pharmacy section of any store (the remainder of the store must remain closed)

“Stricter enforcement of existing laws relating to quality-of-life issues, and creation of new ones are crucial to the success of our efforts to take back neighborhoods,” said City Manager Jean-Ann McGrane. “Police Department data has consistently shown that serious crimes often occur on or near premises open in the late evening and early morning hours. Less serious but still troubling are the undue noise, traffic and littering that occur when people congregate in or around businesses that are open late. This local law is an important mechanism to make our neighborhoods safer and cleaner.”