

To our loyal customers,

After long and careful consideration, I have decided to close Joey G's Pizzeria. There are many reasons that I reached this decision, including the current state of the economy. As we all know, prices have risen and continue to do so, and it is no different for Joey G's Pizzeria or any small business for that matter. In the past four years my business has experienced continued increases in liability insurance, food costs, wages, interest for small business loans, tax liabilities, utilities etc. To survive we'd need to increase prices and I feel that would not change the ultimate outcome of closing the business – at least on a temporary basis.

Many of you know that I have a full-time day job in Healthcare IT in addition to running Joey G's Pizzeria. While I enjoy my profession in healthcare my true passion is the Pizzeria as it has been part of my life since 1978 and it is not something I can easily give up. However, the demands of my regular job, and running the Pizzeria with all the economic headwinds is taking an emotional, physical, and financial toll on myself and my family. My health and my wife's health has been suffering lately as well and we need some time to rest and recover.

On behalf of myself and my family we deeply thank all our loyal customers who have followed us through the last 40 years– from Genoa to Kirkland to Burlington and back to Kirkland – it is for you that we love what we do and hope to reopen when the economy turns around and recovery is in sight, and I no longer have other employment obligations. We are heartbroken but currently see no other option.

Again, this is temporary, and I plan on reopening Joey G's Pizzeria again with renewed energy, vigor, and dedication. I do not have a reopening date but hope it will not be in the too distant future.

For updates, please look us up on Joey G's Pizzeria Facebook page.

Sincerely,

Joe, Rena and family.