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Mayor Fulop and JCPD Increase Enforcement to Hold Repeat Offenders Accountable

Jersey City Will Begin More Aggressive Booting of Scofflaws with 5 or more outstanding Tickets for Same Violations

JERSEY CITY, NJ – Mayor Steven M. Fulop and the Department of Public Safety are increasing enforcement for drivers with \$300 or more in outstanding parking fines by booting the delinquent vehicles until the violations are settled. The parking enforcement program looks to hold repeat offenders accountable for creating dangerous road hazards and breaking traffic safety laws.

Additionally, using community feedback, the Fulop Administration is increasing enforcement in residential zones to target improperly parked vehicles that unlawfully take parking away from residents and are subject to impound. With this component, the City will free up more spaces for residents.

"Parking tickets are never favorable, but public safety is paramount. That is why we are increasing our efforts to target drivers who flout the law and put others at risk," said **Mayor Fulop**. "By the same token, we heard what residents had to say about unauthorized and abandoned cars hogging parking spots and interfering with adequate street cleaning, and so we are making this quality of life concern a priority as well."

Since the targeted enforcement began earlier this month, over 100 vehicles with \$150,000 in accumulated unpaid violations have been booted and resolved.

"If you break the law, you will be held accountable," said **Public Safety Director James Shea**. "If you create dangerous roadway hazards that obstruct traffic, block pedestrian crosswalks, or prevent firefighters from accessing a fire hydrant during an emergency, you will be held accountable."

Under New Jersey Title 39 Motor Vehicle <u>State law</u>, parking in Jersey City is restricted in specific areas to maintain public safety for all road users, including:

- 39:4-138e.(1)- Parking within 25 feet from crosswalks.
- 39:4-138i Parking within 10 feet of fire hydrants.
- 39:4-138h Parking within 50 feet from a stop sign.

All parking-related information and alerts can be found on the City's website here.

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