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***Mayor Fulop Announces State Approval Allowing City to Abolish the Jersey City Parking Authority; Administration to Present Ordinance to Council at First September Meeting Measure Streamlines City Services at a Reduced Cost***

JERSEY CITY – **Mayor Steven M. Fulop** today announced that the **New Jersey Civil Service Commission** has approved the City’s request to grant civil service status to Jersey City Parking Authority employees as the City moves forward to abolish the autonomous agency. The administration will present to the City Council an ordinance officially abolishing the Parking Authority at the first meeting on September 10th, 2014.

“We have cleared another step in the process of streamlining services for our residents and taxpayers,” said **Mayor Fulop**. “Our goal was to ensure as seamless a transition as possible for Parking Authority employees as we bring the function into City government and this will facilitate that.”

The State approval allows the City to move forward with the dissolution of the autonomous agency and bring the function into the municipal operations. The enforcement duties of the Parking Authority would become part of an Enforcement Division within the Department of Public Safety.

“We are moving forward with the objective of reducing duplicative services and costly agencies,” said **Mayor Fulop**. “Dissolution of the Parking Authority will save taxpayers millions of dollars and will create greater efficiency, accountability and transparency.”

While enforcement will be handled under the Department of Public Safety, many of the administrative functions such as payroll and the administration of health benefits would be absorbed by the City staff already performing these duties. The maintenance of Parking Authority lots, for example, could be performed by the City’s Department of Public Works.

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