

Jersey City Councilman Steven Fulop

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Councilman Fulop seeks uniformity on city's booting policy

(Jersey City- Monday June 1, 2009): Today, Jersey City Ward E Councilman Steven Fulop confirmed that at the next council meeting would be re-introducing an ordinance that he initially sponsored last year. The ordinance would officially clarify the automobile booting policy of the Jersey City Parking Authority. At the initial introduction, the city council questioned Fulop's proposal of a uniformed policy of three tickets prior to a boot ordinance and convened a council committee to review the ordinance. The proposed ordinance on the next council agenda will be consistent with Councilman Fulop's original introduced policy of three tickets prior to receiving a boot (effective anywhere throughout the city).

Despite standing policies for most of the city that a boot can only be placed on an automobile whose owner has outstanding parking violations, many Jersey City residents and their visitors are being booted as a first offense.

"There is no question that parking enforcement is essential to an efficiently run city, especially one the size of ours with limited parking spaces. However, it seems that some JCPA enforcement officers have been installing boots on people's cars, even for a first offense," said Fulop.

"Having your car booted can be a major inconvenience and it's important that we make sure our booting policies aren't being arbitrarily expanded to include those who don't deserve them," stated Fulop.

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