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Mayor Steven M. Fulop Signs Executive Order Halting Demolition Permits for Period of 6 Months

The Executive Order Will Put in Place a Six Month Moratorium on Demolition Permits on 1-4 Family Structures Until Formal Ordinance is in Place

JERSEY CITY – **Mayor Steven M. Fulop**, today, signed an executive order instituting a six month moratorium on the acceptance of demolition permit applications for 1-4 family structures, and ordering the Division of City Planning to conduct a review of the municipal code that controls demolition permits.

During the past several years, due to an increase in development throughout the City the city has seen many older homes that are important to the character of each neighborhood be demolished for multi-family box style homes.

Due to this increase, Mayor Fulop has implemented a six month moratorium on applications for demolition permits. This freeze will prevent the City from accepting new applications for demolition permits for structurally sound 1-4 family buildings.

During this period of time, the City will also conduct a comprehensive review of the Municipal Code that governs this process, Chapter 105, Article I, in order to determine if it can be amended to better protect the City's culturally, historically and/or architecturally significant structures.

On Tuesday, March 20th, during the Ward D State of the City Community Meeting the issue of demolition permits were discussed at length. While this concern was brought up by residents in the Heights, the policy will apply citywide.

As an extension of the State of the City Address, Mayor Fulop and department Directors have held these Community Meetings in Wards A, C, D and F to discuss issues facing the community, and have taken these concerns seriously (Ward B will be held on March 29th and Ward E will be held on April 4th).

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