



# City of Newark

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## Legislation Text

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**Dept/ Agency:** Offices of Municipal Council/City Clerk

**Action:** ( ) Ratifying (X) Authorizing ( ) Amending

**Type of Service:** Declaring Intent

**Purpose:** Establishing the formation of a Joint Municipal Council/Mayor's Office Water Commission to oversee the operations of the City's water and sewer system.

**Additional Information:**

**Sponsor:** Council Member Ronald C. Rice

**Whereas**, the Newark Municipal Council is desirous of preserving and improving the supply and delivery of water to the residents of the City of Newark; and

**Whereas**, the Newark Watershed Conversation And Development Corporation, the present management and operators of the Newark water system, has proven its inability to adequately provide the management skills and planning efficiencies to necessary to maintain and upgrade the system; and

**Whereas**, further evidence of its incapability to operate the system is its proposal to investigate and lobby for the creation of a new entity, a municipal utility authority, to assume responsibility for its operations; and

**Whereas**, the propose establishment of a Joint Municipal Council/Mayor's Office Water Commission, will bring the operations under the direct control of the Governing Body, providing the opportunity to elicit a new and effective professional management team; and

**Whereas**, the Commission will be composed of Council Members appointed by the Council President and representatives appointed by the Administration; and

**Whereas**, under new leadership and authority, residents will be assured the Newark water system will be managed both professionally and efficiently, using the industrys' latest state-of-the-art practices for repairs, maintenance and upgrades; and

**Whereas**, the formation of the commission will ensure the City retains complete ownership and autonomy of its water and sewer system for its future generations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY THAT** the Municipal Council establishes the formation of a Joint Municipal Council/Mayor's Office Water Commission charged with the responsibility of overseeing the operations of the Newark water and sewer system.

**Statement**

This resolution establishes a Joint Municipal Council/Mayor's Office Water Commission charged with the responsibility of overseeing the operations of the Newark water and sewer system.