



# 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:** Urging action by Mayor Cory A. Booker

**Purpose:** Urging The Mayor to appoint a Director for the Water and Sewer Department and consolidate all water and sewer operations under the Director of the Water and Sewer Department.

**Additional Information:** This legislation has been placed on the agenda as instructed by the sponsor.

**WHEREAS**, the Newark Municipal Council is of the opinion that the cost of operating the Water and Sewer department of the City of Newark along with the associated watershed properties can and should be managed by employees that work for the City of Newark; and

**WHEREAS**, the residents of the City of Newark agree with the position of the Municipal Council as demonstrated through the recent initiative ordinance advanced by a group of citizens with the support of over five thousand (5,000) residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Administration following several request to do so, has failed to produce any documentation that would dispute the position of the Municipal Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the current operation of the Water and Sewer Department of the City of Newark is being hindered by the lack of a qualified, full time director of the department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Administration of the City of Newark has failed/refused to hire a full time Director for the Water and Sewer Department, in spite of numerous requests by the Municipal Council. And

**WHEREAS**, Newark Mayor Cory A. Booker is using his power of "Executive Order" to allow the Newark Watershed Conservation and Development Commission to continue to manage the Newark watershed properties thus spending City of Newark resources, against the advice of the Municipal Council.

### **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, THAT**

The Council calls upon Mayor Cory A. Booker to within ninety (90) days, pursuant to Municipal Ordinance which governs the use of emergency contracts, begin a search for, select and appoint a qualified, full time Director for the Water and Sewer

Department of the City of Newark.

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The Council urges Mayor Cory A. Booker to incorporate the management of the watershed properties of into the operations of the Water and Sewer Department of the City of Newark

The Council urges Mayor Cory A. Booker to reorganize the Water and Sewer Department of the City of Newark into three (3) divisions known as the Division of Watershed Properties and Water Treatment, the Division of Water Distribution and the Division of Sewer Maintenance.

### **STATEMENT**

This resolution urges Newark Mayor Cory A. Booker to consolidate all management of the Water and Sewer department of the City of Newark, including the watershed properties, under the Director of the Water and Sewer Department of the City of Newark. It further urges the Mayor to appoint a Director for the department.