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UPDATE - Mayor Baraka and Public Safety Director Fragé Postpone Juvenile Safety Initiative

Newark Mayor Ras J. Baraka and Public Safety Director Fritz G. Fragé announce that the Juvenile Safety Initiative ordinance scheduled to begin today, Friday, April 12, 2024, is temporarily postponed. A press conference will be scheduled and announced next week to include plans for the city's Summer Safety Initiative.

"This ordinance was enacted in the City of Newark decades ago and has been rolled out annually since its inception," Mayor Baraka said. "We are once again enforcing an ordinance that already exists and will hold a press conference to explain details of this youth safety measure and other programs to ensure summertime safety and enjoyment."

"Even during the updating of our juvenile safety initiative, the Newark Police Division will continue to engage positively with the community, including our city's youth and their families," Director Fragé said. "As always, our work is aimed at strengthening community relations while reducing crime."

The Office of Violence Prevention and Trauma Recovery will work in conjunction with the Department of Public Safety to provide comprehensive support services and programs for youth, families, and residents citywide.