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Mayor McCarthy and Commissioner Eidens Announce Expanded Buildings Department Coordination

SCHENECTADY ~ Mayor Gary R. McCarthy and Commissioner of Public Safety Michael Eidens announced that Assistant Police Chief Jack Falvo will be assigned additional administrative duties as Chief of the Buildings Department, which includes the Office of the Building Inspector and Bureau of Code Enforcement, effective immediately.

“The Office of the Building Inspector and the Bureau of Code Enforcement perform a critical role in neighborhood improvement and revitalization, maintaining standards and values in our buildings, preventing and removing blight and generally improving the quality of life in our community,” Mayor McCarthy said. “Their work compliments and is often done in conjunction with our Police and Fire Departments. My expectation is that our code officers perform their duties with the highest level of integrity and clear goals and expectations of results.”

Last month, the Mayor issued an Executive Order in accordance with the Second Class Cities Law, placing the Office of the Building Inspector and the Bureau of Code Enforcement under the direct supervision of the Commissioner of Public Safety.

“Assistant Chief Falvo has served this City for nearly 40 years and has great respect in the department and in the community,” said Commissioner Eidens. “He has a broad base of knowledge and experience with community engagement and the infrastructure of the City.”

The Second Class Cities Law states that the Commissioner of Public Safety “shall have cognizance, jurisdiction, supervision and control of the government, administration, disposition and discipline of the police department, fire department, buildings department and health department.”

“By increasing coordination between the Police, Fire, and Buildings Departments, we can help our neighborhood improvement efforts and increase quality of life for residents,” Assistant Chief Falvo said. “I very much appreciate this opportunity from the Commissioner and the Mayor and look forward to taking on this responsibility for our residents and our City.”