



# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

*No. 10*

**EFFECTIVE January 18, 2022**

WHEREAS, The Providence Housing Authority (PHA) is responsible for providing and developing affordable housing to ensure that our residents have decent and affordable places to live; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 45-25 of the Rhode Island General Laws provides City Housing Authorities, including the PHA, since 1935, with broad and sweeping powers necessary and convenient to address, investigate, plan, create and administer public and private funds by all means to improve and expand the City's available affordable housing stock within its boundaries for the benefit of its residents; and

WHEREAS, According to the 2017 American Community Survey conducted by the U.S Census Bureau, 46.81% of the Providence population are housing cost-burdened; and

WHEREAS, Over the years there has been a significant increase in demand for the production of affordable housing units in the City; and

WHEREAS, The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) since the 2001 amendments to federal housing law allows public housing agencies to convert up to twenty (20%) percent of their Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) portfolio to Project-Based Vouchers (PBVs); and

WHEREAS, The PBV program is a critical tool to creating affordable housing by providing deep subsidies to disabled, elderly and low-income households and uniquely complimenting the Low Income Housing Tax Credit and other scarce affordable housing programs; and

WHEREAS, The PHA's mission statement as contained in its most recent Strategic Plan states, "PHA provides and develops quality and safe affordable housing opportunities and services to address the needs of Rhode Island residents."; and

WHEREAS, The PHA, with its existing unbridled statutory authority and pursuant to its own promulgated Mission Statement needs to act with urgency to address the affordable housing crisis facing our City and should convert its HUD HCV program vouchers to the maximum allowable number of Project Based Vouchers so as to capitalize on this under-utilized resource for the benefit of the people of Providence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby calls on the Providence Housing Authority to convert its HCV portfolio to the maximum allowable number of Project-Based Vouchers as permitted by federal housing law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council further calls on the PHA to amend its annual mandatory and ancillary filings namely its annual plan, administrative plan and otherwise to reflect its commitment to acting with urgency to convert its HCV portfolio to the maximum allowable number of Project-Based Vouchers permissible under federal housing law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Mayor of Providence, and the Executive Director of the Providence Housing Authority.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
JAN 06 2022  
READ AND PASSED  
  
JOHN J. GIGLIOZZI, PRESIDENT  
  
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Mayor's Signature  
  
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Acting City Clerk