

City of Providence
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 377

EFFECTIVE October 17, 2016

WHEREAS, The City Council received from Jeffrey B. Pine, Esquire, of the Law Office of Lynch & Pine, his review, report, and recommendations relative to the Board of Licenses, herein referred to as the "Pine Report"; and

WHEREAS, According to the Pine Report, "[I]t became apparent that the 'system' for the collection of fines/penalties really doesn't exist; the lack of enforcement of penalties with any degree of regularity is totally substandard, and this not only creates an accountability issue with the Board [of Licenses], but a fiscal issue for the City"; and

WHEREAS, The Pine Report states that, "An independent audit should be conducted immediately" and should cover "the collection of fines/penalties, and all other records and statistics of the License Office, including applications, letters of notification, license transfers, communications to licensees, agendas, minutes of meetings, records regarding violations, and online postings"; and

WHEREAS, It is of the utmost importance that the License Office properly track outstanding fines and penalties so that they may be collected and to ensure that licensees which fail to pay fines and penalties are held accountable; and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council has an obligation to protect the financial health of the City, including the proper enforcement and collection of fines and penalties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby request that the Mayor of Providence and his administration cause the completion of a complete and independent audit of the City's Board of Licenses, including but not limited to the collection of fines/penalties, and all other records and statistics of the License Office, including applications, letters of notification, license transfers, communications to licensees, agendas, minutes of meetings, records regarding violations, and online postings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the Mayor, the Finance Director, the Internal Auditor, and to the License Administrator.

IN CITY COUNCIL

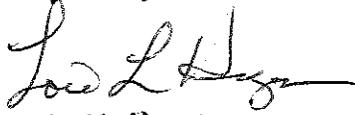
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READ AND PASSED


PRES.

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Effective without the Mayor's Signature


Lori L. Hagen
City Clerk