

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

B U R E A U O F L I C E N S E S

Year ending December 31, 1954.

Honorable Walter H. Reynolds

Mayor of Providence,

City Hall, Providence, R. I.

Dear Mayor Reynolds:

The Bureau of Licenses submits for your information a report of its activities for the year ending December 31, 1954.

The Bureau has held fifty-eight hearings at which licensees violating the provisions of the law, the Rules and Regulations of the Bureau of Licenses, Traffic Regulations or the Chief Air Pollution Regulation Engineer have been summoned before the Bureau and disposition made of cases as follows:

License revoked:

1 Hackney Carriage Driver

License surrendered in lieu of standing trial

1 Pool-Billiard Table

Licenses suspended:

15 Class B - Victualer

6 Class C - Beverage

1 Class D - Club

2 Sunday Sales

1 Newsboy

1 Junk Shop

1 Trucking

7 Hackney Carriage Drivers

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34 Total

Licensees reprimanded following hearings

3 Class A - Retailer's  
1 Class B - Limited  
1 Class B - Victualer  
6 Class C - Beverage  
2 Class D - Club  
2 Second-Hand Store  
3 Junk Shop  
14 Hackney Carriage Drivers  
32 Total

Licensee found Not Guilty following hearing

1 Class B - Victualer

Hearing on complaint of Attorney

1 Constable With Power to Serve Civil Process

Hearings on complaint of Inspector of Buildings

1 Theatre  
1 Pool-Billiard Table Licensee

The following is a detailed statement of all moneys received for licenses issued during the year ending December 24, 1954:

Intoxicating Beverage Licenses

Class A - Retailer's	175	\$87,500.00	
Class B - Tavern	9	13,600.00	
Class B - Victualling	119	118,745.25	
Class B - Limited	2	400.00	
Class C - Beverage	206	103,000.00	
Class D - Club (\$100)	6	600.00	
Class D - Club (\$250)	34	8,307.55	
Class E - Druggist	47	470.00	
Class F - 24 Hour	47	470.00	\$333,092.80

Business and Non-Business Licenses:

Taverns, 1st Class	3	300.00	
Taverns, 2nd Class	6	450.00	
Taverns, 3rd Class	8	400.00	
Sunday Sales	1,007	10,110.00	
Parking, Sundays	39	1,060.00	
Hawkers and Peddlers	140	672.00	
Junk Gatherers	16	80.00	
Second Hand Stores	316	1,580.00	
Foundrymen	4	20.00	
Junk Shops	48	1,200.00	
Pawnbrokers	10	1,000.00	
Police Constables with Power	16	400.00	
Police Constables without Power and Dog Officer \$5.	84	88.00	
Private Detectives	11	275.00	
Permit to Carry Weapons	39	78.00	
Hackney Carriage Power Vehicle	192	1,920.00	
Hackney Carriage Drivers License	622	622.00	
Wagon License (Free)	2		
Vehicle License	345	690.00	
Intelligence Office, 1st Class	10	500.00	
Intelligence Office, 3rd Class	1	5.00	
Show and Dance	1,925	6,680.50	
Shooting Galleries	1	5.00	
Pool Tables, etc.	12	650.00	
Bowling Alleys	25	984.00	
Athletic Exhibitions on Sunday	30	123.00	
Bingo	379	2,343.00	
Explosives	1	2.00	32,237.50

City Licenses, State of Rhode Island

Show and Dance		\$6,680.50	
Shooting Galleries		5.00	
Pool Tables, etc.		650.00	
Bowling Alleys		984.00	
Athletic Exhibitions on Sunday		123.00	\$8,442.50

Dog Licenses

Dogs	4,162	6,635.00	
Kennels	20	<u>200.00</u>	6,835.00

Badge and Plate Fund

Peddlers Badges	307	153.50	
Junk Gatherers Badges	60	30.00	
Police Constable Badges	13	6.50	
Newsboys Badges	55	13.75	
Hack. Carriage Drivers Badges	624	312.00	
Hack. Carriage Markers	193	96.50	
Truck Markers	344	172.00	
Peddlers Tags for 1 day			
Licenses	10	<u>2.00</u>	
	<u>1,606</u>		786.25

Departmental Credits

Transfer Licenses	172	192.00	
Certificate of Lost Licenses	9	18.00	
Registration Fees on Dog Licenses	4,162	<u>619.30</u>	<u>829.30</u>

Total	14,462		\$382,223.35
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Respectfully submitted,

*Joseph L. Scenicis*

Chairman and Secretary,  
Bureau of Licenses.

IN CITY COUNCIL

JAN 20 1955

READ:

WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT  
THE SAME BE RECEIVED.

*W. Everett Whelan*  
CLERK



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# City Plan Commission

EDWARD WINSOR, *Chairman*  
JERRY LORENZO      RALPH MATERA

WALTER H. REYNOLDS, *Mayor*  
LUCIO E. CARLONE, *Secretary*

PAUL A. SAN SOUZI, *Vice Chairman*  
RAYMOND J. NOTTAGE      HARRY PINKERSON

FRANK H. MALLEY, *Director*  
MILLARD HUMSTONE, *Senior Planner*

*Suite 103, City Hall,  
Providence 3, Rhode Island*

January 11, 1955

The Honorable Walter H. Reynolds, Mayor  
The Honorable City Council  
of the City of Providence  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of Chapter 329 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1938, and of Section 179½ of Chapter 2 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Providence, 1946, the City Plan Commission submits herewith its Annual Report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1954.

Respectfully yours,

EDWARD WINSOR  
CHAIRMAN  
CITY PLAN COMMISSION

IN CITY COUNCIL

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## I. ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONS

### A. Legal Basis

The City Plan Commission operates under two basic legal documents. The State Enabling Act and the Ordinance adopted by the Providence City Council in 1944. The first authorizes the cities and towns of the State of Rhode Island to establish planning agencies, and lists some of their powers and responsibilities. The second prescribes the organization and specific duties of the City Plan Commission.

### B. Membership

The City Plan Commission consists of the Mayor (ex officio), five qualified citizens appointed by the Mayor, and two councilmanic members elected by the City Council. The present members and officers are:

Mr. George Hurley, Chairman *	to January, 1959
Mr. Paul A. San Souci, Vice Chairman	to January, 1957
Mr. Lucio E. Carlone, Secretary	to January, 1955
Mayor Walter H. Reynolds	to January, 1955
Councilman Jerry Lorenzo	to January, 1955
Councilman Ralph Matera	to January, 1955
Mr. Raymond J. Nottage	to January, 1959
Mr. Harry Pinkerson	to January, 1958
Mr. Edward Winsor **	to January, 1956

### C. Staff

1. The technical work for the Commission is carried on by a staff headed by Director Frank H. Malley who is appointed by the Commission. The present Staff of the Department is as follows:

Mr. Millard Humstone	Senior Planner
Mr. Anthony A. Verrecchia	Associate Planner
Mr. Roger C. Van Tassel ***	Associate Analyst
Mr. Dudley S. Hinds	Associate Analyst
Mr. Harold T. Stearns	Planning Technician
Mr. Anthony N. Meleo	Planning Technician
Mr. Robert C. Smith	Asst. Planning Technician
Mr. Thomas B. Marston, Jr.	Asst. Planning Technician
Mr. Joseph T. Corente ***	Asst. Planning Technician
Mr. Ellsworth H. Kent	Asst. Planning Technician
Mrs. Mary M. Hannan	Secretary
Miss Marion Weiner	Librarian-Stenographer

\* Mr. George Hurley passed away in March, 1954.

\*\* Mr. Edward Winsor was elected Chairman, succeeding Mr. Hurley.

\*\*\* Mr. Roger C. Van Tassel resigned September 22, 1954.

\*\*\* Mr. Robert C. Smith transferred to the Providence Redevelopment Agency November 22, 1953.

\*\*\* Mr. Joseph T. Corrente resigned February 28, 1954.

2. The Department operated under a budget of about \$50,700. Expenditures for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1954 and for the previous year, 1952-1953, are tabulated in Appendix A.

#### D. Operations

1. The purpose of the City Plan Department is to give technical advice and assistance to the Council, the Mayor, and the various departments and boards of the city administration, and to the people of the community.

2. The major role of the Department is the preparation of the various elements of a Master Plan for the City of Providence. These are developed by the staff and adopted by the Commission following public hearings.

3. All matters which come before the City Council dealing with physical improvements within the city are required to be referred to the Commission for study and advisory opinions. The Director advises on all cases coming before the Zoning Board of Review.

Since the Department's inception in 1944, it has dealt with 654 Council Referrals, and 677 Board of Review Referrals. In Appendix B, Part I is a tabulation of the City Council Referrals for 1953-1954, and Part II is a tabulation of the Board of Review Referrals for the past fiscal year.

4. Since 1944 the Commission has published thirteen reports, ten of which are Master Plans (listed below), four Annual Reports, and four supplements to the CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM 1950-1956.

FUTURE POPULATION OF PROVIDENCE, 1945	(Out of Print)
A PLAN FOR FIELDS POINT PORT AND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT, 1946	(Out of Print)
MASTER PLAN FOR THOROFARES, 1946 Amended in 1950	(Out of Print)
MASTER PLAN FOR LAND USE AND POPULATION DISTRIBUTION, 1946	(Out of Print)
MASTER PLAN FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF RESIDENTIAL AREAS, 1946	(Out of Print)
ZONING ORDINANCE, 1948 Approved 1951	(Out of Print)
MASTER PLAN FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL SITES, 1950	(Out of Print)
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM 1950-1956	(Out of Print)
PARKING IN DOWNTOWN PROVIDENCE, 1950	(Out of Print)
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, Supplement 1951-1957	(Out of Print)
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, Supplement 1952-1958	(Out of Print)
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, Supplement 1953-1959	(Out of Print)
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, Supplement 1954-1960	(Out of Print)
MASTER PLAN FOR PLAYGROUNDS AND PLAYFIELDS, 1953	
RAILROAD RELOCATION, 1953	
THE EFFECT OF EXPRESSWAY CONSTRUCTION ON SURROUNDING PROPERTIES, 1953	
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UNIMPROVED STREETS IN PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND, 1954	(Limited No.)

## II. MAJOR ACTIVITIES 1953-1954

A. The final report on THE EFFECT OF EXPRESSWAY CONSTRUCTION ON SURROUNDING PROPERTY was published following approval of the Commission. This report was written in an effort to indicate the extent to which a major highway affects the adjacent area and in what way.

B. The staff also participated in the site selection of an Off-Street Parking Garage. The City retained Ramp Buildings Corporation of New York for advice in selecting the best possible site for the first garage of this type in Providence. After many conferences it was decided that the best site would be that site bounded by Page, Pine, Garnet and Friendship Streets.

C. As a result of a request from the Mayor the staff completed a study of unimproved streets, and a report on RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UNIMPROVED STREETS IN PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND was published in limited edition. It includes recommendations for street improvements, abandonments, turnarounds, extensions and widenings.

D. In view of the fact that the City has contemplated selling Dexter Asylum, and the possibility that Union Station might be relocated, plus many other factors, a proposed DRAFT OF SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS for the City of Providence was prepared. A final draft of these regulations was not published pending several conferences to be held with the Building Inspector, a representative from the Law Department, the Tax Assessor, the Mayor's Administrative Assistant, and the Plan Commission.

E. The Department, in collaboration with the Finance Director, submitted to the City Council a Capital Budget for 1954-1955 of \$5,833,206 exclusive of the Water Supply Board. Of this total amount \$107,166 is to be financed from current revenue and \$5,726,040 from bond authorities. The total Capital Budget for 1954-1955 is larger than in previous years because of the proposed expansion of the dock and facilities at Fields Point which will cost about \$2,000,000.

F. As a result of "Hurricane Carol" the Commission felt that a Flood Control Study should be made. In this connection the staff prepared preliminary plans which showed 3 different locations for a dam. Immediately following "Hurricane Carol" the Commission made recommendations to the Mayor for an approach to the Army Engineers for flood control plans and also recommended the establishment of an adequate hurricane warning system to be put into effect as soon as possible.

G. Nine reports, recording LAND USE information, were finally completed during the year. Also, in this connection new Land Use Maps were prepared.

H. The Department staff continued to assist the Recreation Department in the preparation of site plans for playground and playfield development. Final plans for Davis Park were prepared, and preliminary plans were prepared for the Camp-Cypress Playground, Clara-Danforth Playground and the Patrick A. Cunningham Memorial Park which will be expanded into part of what was the former Whitman Farm.

I. The latter part of the fiscal year the staff worked on plans for an industrial development in the West River Area of the City. This study will be continued in collaboration with the Providence Redevelopment Agency to effect the redevelopment of a slum blighted area into a large, modern industrial park. This is essential in order to gain and hold industries in the City of Providence, especially industries displaced by Freeway construction.

IN MEMORIAM

In March of this fiscal year, Chairman George Hurley passed away. His passing brought sorrow on both the Commission and staff members and the following Resolution, as a formal expression of regret, was adopted:

WHEREAS George Hurley was Chairman of the Providence City Plan Commission from the time of the original appointment of such Commission in 1944 until the time of his death; and

WHEREAS Mr. Hurley gave freely of his time and tremendous ability to the work of such Commission, and through such work made a very substantial contribution to the welfare of the City of Providence; and

WHEREAS Mr. Hurley was held in the highest personal esteem by his fellow Commission members

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that this Commission express its deep regret in his loss to the Commission and to the community and its sympathy to his family, and in token thereof directs that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to his widow.

APPENDIX A

Expenditures and Appropriations  
of the  
City Plan Department

	<u>Expenditures</u>	
	<u>1952-1953</u>	<u>1953-1954</u>
PERSONAL SERVICES (Salaries	\$ 44,351.90	\$ 46,035.25
SERVICES OTHER THAN PERSONAL (Printing, Transportation, Miscellaneous, Fees, etc.)	3,375.10	5,908.24
MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES (Stationery, Office Supplies, etc.)	862.99	840.84
EQUIPMENT	<u>354.15</u>	<u>183.97</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 48,944.14	\$ 52,968.30
Appropriation	<u>48,974.61</u>	<u>53,543.00</u>
Balance (Returned to General Fund)	\$ 30.74	\$ 574.70

APPENDIX B  
PART I

Summary of Action Taken on Petitions

Referred from City Council

1953-1954

Subject	City Plan Commission Action				Subsequent Action by City Council and Mayor			
	Total No. of Referrals	No Objection	Recommended Denial	In Accord with CPC Recommendation	Opposite to CPC Recommendation	Partially Approved	Died in Committee	No Action
Zoning Amendments	52	11	41	32	6 (6)*	4		10
Abandonment of Streets	5	3	2	2				3
Sale or Lease of City-owned Property	17	13	4	12	1 (1)			4
Redemptions of Tax Title Property	45	40	5	38			5	2
Miscellaneous	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>2**</u>
	123	70	52	86	7 (7)*	4	5	21

\* The figures in parentheses indicate the number of petitions granted by the City Council following City Plan Commission recommendation for denial.

\*\* No action was taken on one of these referrals by either the City Plan Commission or City Council.



APPENDIX B  
PART II

Summary of Action on Referrals from  
the Zoning Board of Review  
through September 30, 1954

<u>Plan Department Action</u>				<u>Subsequent Action By Board of Review</u>	
<u>Total No. of Referrals</u>	<u>No Objection</u>	<u>Recommended Denial</u>	<u>In Accord with CPC Recommendation</u>	<u>Opposite to CPC Recommen- dation</u>	<u>No Action</u>
176	77	99	100	71 (69)*	5

\* The figure in parentheses indicates the number of changes granted by the Board of Review following City Plan Commission staff recommendations for denial.