

# The City of Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

## CHAPTER 1977-38

No. 613

**AN ORDINANCE** CREATING THE "MARKET SQUARE PEDESTRAIN MALL" UPON THAT PORTION OF WESTMINSTER STREET, BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTH WATER STREET AND CONTINUING FROM THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTH WATER STREET AND THE PROVIDENCE RIVER TO INCLUDE THREE (3) TRAFFIC ISLANDS OVER THE PROVIDENCE RIVER.

Approved October 14, 1977

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

SECTION 1. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence is hereby amended to add the following sections:  
23 - 88 to 23 - 92.

Section 23-88 Established, limits fixed.

The City Council hereby establishes, under authority of Chapter 176, Public Laws of Rhode Island of 1962, a Pedestrian Mall within the Central Business District of the City as shown on the map entitled, "Market Square Pedestrian Mall, Limits of Construction" filed in the Department of City Clerk and as hereinafter generally described:

a. Streets. That portion of Westminster Street, beginning at the intersection of South Main Street, thence westerly to the intersection of South Water Street and continuing from the intersection of South Water Street and the Providence River to include the three (3) traffic islands over the Providence River.

b. Intersections. The mall intersections and intersecting streets as indicated on the aforementioned map. (Ordinance 1963, Chapter 1563, Section 2)

Section 23-89. Operation of vehicular traffic restricted.

Vehicular traffic shall be prohibited, in whole, all vehicular traffic on the pedestrian mall with the sole exception of emergency vehicles.

Section 23-90. Towing of unlawfully parked or standing vehicles.

Any vehicle either parked or left standing in violation of the City Ordinance shall be towed away by any authorized towing agency at the expense of the owner. Fees chargeable shall be as set forth in Section 15-22 of this Code of Ordinances (Ordinance 1963, Chapter 1563, Section 5).

Section 23-91. Interpretation of provisions, reservation of rights to City.

The City and the City Council thereof shall retain its police powers and other rights and powers relating to the City streets constituting a part of the pedestrian mall. No action taken herein shall be interpreted or construed to be a vacation or abandonment, in whole or in part, of any City street or right therein, it being intended that the establishment of a pedestrian mall pursuant to Chapter 176 of the Public Laws of Rhode Island, 1962, be a matter of regulation. Nothing in this article shall be interpreted or construed to prevent the City and City Council, at anytime, from changing the extent of this pedestrian mall, or from changing or repealing any of the rules and regulations pertaining to this pedestrian mall.

Section 23-92. Maintenance Responsibilities.

The City Council therefore authorizes the Board of Park Commissioners to be responsible for all necessary care and maintenance requirements of this Mall and to enter into agreements with the Rhode Island School of Design for the programming and maintenance of this mall.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
SEP 15 1977  
FIRST READING  
READ AND PASSED

*Jose M. Mendonca* CLERK

IN CITY  
COUNCIL

OCT 8 1977  
FINAL READING  
READ AND PASSED

*Robert J. Lindor*  
PRESIDENT  
*Jose M. Mendonca*  
CLERK

APPROVED  
MAYOR  
*Umauta A. Cairns*  
OCT 14 1977

THE COMMITTEE ON  
ORDINANCES

Approves Passage of  
The Within Ordinance

Rose M. Mendonca  
Chairman

Sept 21 1977

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