

**City of Providence**

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 330

EFFECTIVE October 12, 2020

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic has inflicted substantial economic hardship on local bars and restaurants who have, through no fault of their own, been caught trying to maintain a business model with reduced seating capacity, reduced hours, and additional overhead costs; and

WHEREAS, The City has already experienced several restaurants permanently shut down with many more struggling to keep their business operating; and

WHEREAS, On December 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, all liquor licenses in the City of Providence are up for renewal which can cost an establishment approximately \$3,000.00; and

WHEREAS, In response to these significant economic challenges facing local bars and restaurants, the cities of Pawtucket and Warwick have already established payment plan options for local license holders to provide additional flexibility on how businesses are managing their cash flows; and;

WHEREAS, The City of Providence must follow the lead of Pawtucket and Warwick in providing greater flexibility for local small businesses who are struggling as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

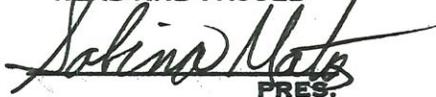
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby requests that the Mayor of Providence and the Providence Board of Licenses establish a payment plan option for renewal applications by existing license holders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of Providence and the members of the Providence Board of Licenses.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED

  
PRES.

  
CLERK

Effective without the  
Mayor's Signature



Shawn Selleck  
City Clerk