

# City of Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

## CHAPTER 2008-24

No. 187

### AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ARTICLE IV, CHAPTER 17, SECTION 17-189(5) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES.

Approved APRIL 25, 2008

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the language of Section 17-189(5) of the Code of Ordinances which provides that the application to accomplish such [accidental disability] retirement must be filed within eighteen (18) months of the date of the accident," the Retirement Board of the City of Providence, may consider and act upon the accidental disability retirement application of Jeanna A. DiFillippo, even though more than eighteen (18) months have passed since the date of the accident which is the averred proximate cause of the above-named applicant for a disability retirement allowance.

SECTION 2. Said application shall be subject to and considered in accordance with all other applicable ordinances, regulations, standards and practices relating to accidental disability retirement applications.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage..

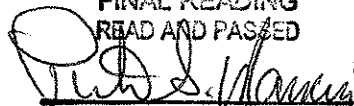
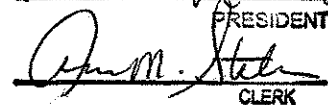
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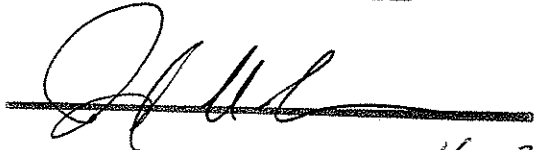
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## JEANNA A. DIFILLIPPO

March 31, 2008

City Council  
City of Providence  
25 Dorrance Street  
Providence, RI 02903  
Attn.: City Council Members

Dear City Council Members:

I have been struggling with the pain and discomfort from a back and neck injury sustained on January 9, 2004. During the time in question I was acting in my capacity as a Providence Police Officer and was attempting to restrain a suspect. I was seen by medical staff and later submitted all pertinent injured on duty paperwork regarding these work-related injuries. I remained out of work for an extended period of time while recuperating from my injuries. During that time, I was under a doctor's medical care and had undergone many therapeutic practices from medication to range of motion exercises.

After some time, I was re-evaluated and determined to be eligible for light duty and able to perform administrative duty tasks only. During this time, I was assigned to different bureaus, specifically the Evidence and Property Room and Human Resources. Although I have made an earnest attempt to full recovery, I recently received an Independent Medical Examination which does not provide a very optimistic prognosis. I have consistently maintained high aspirations for an ultimate full recovery and as a result have never petitioned the City's Retirement System for a disability retirement.

Since the eighteen (18) month window of opportunity has passed my injury anniversary date and recently having received an unfavorable prognosis for my condition, I am respectfully requesting your assistance and consideration in applying for an Accidental Disability Retirement at this time. I would greatly appreciate the City's concern and compassion while considering my case for review. I am available to meet with you and am able to provide any further documentation if needed.

Sincerely,



Jeanna A. DiFillippo  
Police Officer  
Providence Police Department

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