

City of Providence
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 288

EFFECTIVE September 14, 2020

WHEREAS, The Providence Nuisance Task Force was established to identify and address nuisance properties in the City of Providence in a systematic and collaborative way; and

WHEREAS, The Nuisance Task Force includes representatives from the City Solicitor's Office, the Police Department, the Fire Department, the Department of Inspection and Standards and the Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General; and

WHEREAS, The goal of the Nuisance Task Force is to resolve current and long-standing nuisance properties throughout the City in order to protect the health and safety of the surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, Due to COVID-19 and the associated staffing challenges, the Nuisance Task Force has not been able to meet for the past several months to address problematic properties in the City; and,

WHEREAS, The number of nuisance properties has greatly increased during the COVID-19 pandemic as there has been a noticeable increase in dumping areas, overgrown vacant parcels, rat infestations, and other nuisance activity that require immediate intervention by the Nuisance Task Force.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby requests that the City Solicitor's office immediately begin work to reinstate the Nuisance Task Force in order to begin addressing the significant nuisance properties across the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of Providence, the City Solicitor, the Commissioner of Public Safety, the Chief of Police, the City Fire Marshall, the Director of the Department of Inspections and Standards, and the Rhode Island Attorney General.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED

Sabrina Metz
PRES.

Shawn Selleck
CLERK JRM

Effective without the
Mayor's Signature

Shawn Selleck

Shawn Selleck
City Clerk

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