

**City of Providence**

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

**CHAPTER 2011-15**

**No. 288**

**AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 16,  
"OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS,"  
ARTICLE I, "IN GENERAL," SECTION 16-20,  
"PROHIBITION AGAINST CERTAIN FORMS OF  
AGGRESSIVE SOLICITATION"**

EFFECTIVE ~~XXXXXX~~ May 16, 2011

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

SECTION 1. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Chapter 16, Entitled "Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions," Article I, "In General," Section 16-20, "Prohibition against certain forms of aggressive solicitation," is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 16-20. Prohibition against certain forms of aggressive solicitation.

(a) For purposes of this section:

Aggressive manner shall mean:

- (1) Approaching or speaking to a person(s), or following a person(s) before, during, or after soliciting, if that conduct is intended or is likely to cause a reasonable person to fear bodily harm to oneself or to another, or damage to or loss of property;
- (2) Following the person being solicited, with the intent of asking that person for money or other things of value;
- (3) Intentionally touching or causing physical contact with another person without the person's consent in the course of soliciting;
- (4) Intentionally blocking or interfering with the safe or free passage of a pedestrian or vehicle by any means, including unreasonably causing a pedestrian or vehicle operator to take evasive action to avoid physical contact;
- (5) Using violent or threatening gestures toward a person solicited;
- (6) Continuing to solicit from a person after the person has given a negative response to such soliciting;

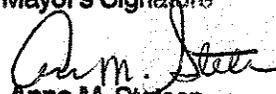
- (7) Speaking in a volume unreasonably loud under the circumstances;
- (8) Soliciting money from anyone who is waiting in line for entry to a building or for another purpose;
- (9) Entering or occupying a roadway or intersection for purpose of soliciting the occupant(s) of a vehicle.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

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Anna M. Stetson  
City Clerk