

# City of Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

## CHAPTER 2008-47

No. 436

### AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING SECTION 9-28 IN  
ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 9 OF THE CODE OF  
ORDINANCES ENTITLED "OFFENSES AND  
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS"

Approved December 1, 2008

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

**SECTION 1.** The Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence is amended as follows:

Sec. 9-28. Investigation of cause and origin of fires; notice to chief of fire department.

a) The bureau of fire prevention shall investigate the cause, origin and circumstances of every fire occurring in the city by which property has been destroyed or damaged and, so far as possible, shall determine whether the fire is the result of carelessness or design.

1) Such investigations shall begin immediately upon the occurrence of such a fire, by the assistant inspector in whose district the fire occurs.

2) and If it appears to the assistant inspector making the investigation that the fire is of suspicious origin, the chief of the fire department shall be immediately notified of the fact; he shall take charge immediately of the physical evidence, shall notify the proper authorities designated by law to pursue the investigation of such matters, and shall further cooperate with the authorities in the collection of evidence and in the prosecution of the case.

b) The Fire Chief of the City of Providence, or a designee, shall report any structure damaged by fire to the Director of Inspection and Standards, and furnish a fire report no later than twenty-four (24) hours following the extinguishment of the fire, accompanied by a recommendation with proposed measures to insure reasonable safety.

c) Upon receipt of a report from the Fire Chief regarding a structure damaged by fire, the Director of Inspections and Standards, or a designee, shall inspect said structure no later than twenty-four (24) hours following the receipt of such a report.

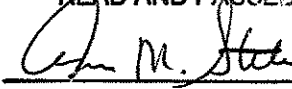
d) The Director of Inspections and Standards shall ensure that any structure classified as a public safety hazard and/or a general safety threat to the community is secured immediately following such a classification and/or determination.

1) The burden of securing such a structure shall be placed upon the owner of the property.

2) The owner of a property classified as a public safety hazard and/or general safety threat to the community shall secure the said property within seven (7) days of such a classification.

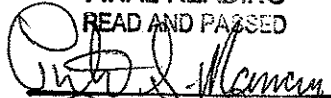
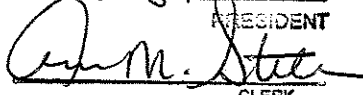
3) In the event that an owner of a structure classified as a public safety hazard and/or general safety threat fails to secure such property, the Director of Inspections and Standards, or a designee, shall secure the structure and charge the owner of the aforementioned property with any and all applicable expenses necessary to secure the structure.

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