



RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 382

EFFECTIVE November 16, 2020

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Chapter 15, Article VII, Section 15-103 of the Providence Code of Ordinances, it is illegal to operate a recreational off-road vehicle within the limits of the City; and

WHEREAS, Recreational off-road vehicles are banned from operation on city streets as they are not designed for that use which creates significant safety hazards for the public as well as the operators of the vehicles; and

WHEREAS, The illegal operation of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and dirt bikes in Providence has become increasingly prevalent in the past several weeks, raising concerns from motorists, pedestrians, and residents; and

WHEREAS, On October 18, 2020, during a response to a large gathering of motorcycles, dirt bikes, and ATVs in the city, an incident involving a Providence Police Department vehicle and a moped resulted in a young man, 24-year-old Jamal Goncalves, sustaining significant injuries that left him in a coma; and

WHEREAS, The October 18th incident has highlighted the risks and challenges associated with enforcement actions against large groups of recreational vehicles; and

WHEREAS, As the elected representatives of the people of Providence, the Providence City Council has an obligation to ensure the safety of our residents; and

WHEREAS, It has become increasingly clear that the city must undertake a comprehensive review of how the city enforces its laws, practices, and policies governing off-road recreational vehicles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby establish a Special Commission on ATVs and Recreational Vehicles, the purpose of which shall be to study and make recommendations regarding the current enforcement practices of the City, and to make recommendations regarding appropriate changes to City procedures, ordinances, and policies aimed at preventing the operation of ATVs and recreational vehicles on the city's streets.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Special Commission on ATVs and Recreational Vehicles shall: 1) consist of not more than seven members including the Commissioner of Public Safety or his designee, one member appointed by the Mayor, and five members to be appointed by the Council President; and 2) shall issue a report of recommendations to the City Council within 120 days of the date appointments are made to the commission.

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READ AND PASSED


PRES.

Effective without the
Mayor's Signature



Shawn Selleck
City Clerk


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