

City of Providence
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

CHAPTER 2012-16

No. 161 **AN ORDINANCE**

AMENDING CHAPTER 3,
 "ADVERTISING," TO ADD
 SECTION 3-6, "PENALTIES."

EFFECTIVE ~~XXXXXX~~ March 26, 2012
Be it Ordained by the City of Providence:

SECTION 1. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Chapter 3,

"Advertising," is hereby amended to add Section 3-6, Entitled, "Penalties," as follows:

Sec. 3-1. – Distribution of handbills, circulars, similar items.

No person shall distribute, or cause to be distributed, any handbill, circular, program, or slip of a commercial nature in or upon any street, highway, mall, plaza or public place within the city

Sec. 3-2. - Calling attention to displays, sales, business conducted within building.

No person shall stand in or upon any street, highway, mall, plaza or public place within the city or in the entrance or hallway of any building in the city for the purpose of calling the attention of any person in the street, highway, mall, plaza or public place to goods, wares or merchandise displayed or on sale or to business conducted within any building

Sec. 3-3. - Advertising shows, exhibitions and theatricals.

No person shall expose, display, post up or exhibit any placard, poster, bill or picture of any show, exhibition, theatrical or other performance in or on any building, billboard, wall or fence on any street in the city unless such placard, poster, bill or picture shall have first been approved by the commissioner of public safety.

Sec. 3-4. - Posting, affixing, bills, posters, signs, notices to structures.

No person shall post or otherwise affix, nor cause to be posted or affixed, any bill, poster, or notice upon any tree, fence, post, pole or Rhode Island Public Transit Authority Bus Shelters, or other structures within or upon the occupation line of any street or highway; and, no person shall paint, print, mark, or cause to be painted, printed or marked, any sign, notice or advertisement upon any tree, fence, board, post, pole or Rhode Island Public Transit Authority Bus Shelter or other structure within or upon the occupation line of any street or highway. This section shall be enforced by the Providence Police Department. The director of public works or his or her designee is empowered to remove any materials that constitute a violation of this section.

Sec. 3-5. - Erection, display of bills, posters, signs, notices on highway.

No person shall erect, place or display any sign, notice or advertisement, within or upon the occupation line of any street or highway, except as permitted by the building code and zoning ordinance. This section shall be enforced by the Providence Police Department. The director of public works or his or her designee is empowered to remove any materials that constitute a violation of this section.

Sec. 3-6. - Penalties

(a) Any person or business violating any provision of Sections 3-4 or 3-5 shall be fined as follows:

First offense – up to seventy-five dollars (\$75.00)

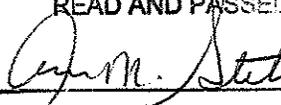
Second offense – up to one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00)

Third and any subsequent offenses – up to three hundred dollars (\$300.00)

(b) Any person who violates any provision of Sections 3-4 or 3-5 may, on application to and approval by a judge of the municipal court, in lieu of paying such fine, perform public service reasonably related to the violation as the judge deems appropriate.

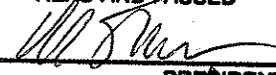
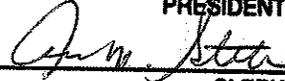
SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

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FIRST READING
READ AND PASSED

 CLERK

IN CITY
COUNCIL

MAR 15 2012
FINAL READING
READ AND PASSED


PRESIDENT

CLERK

Effective without the
Mayor's Signature:


Anna M. Stetson
City Clerk