

City of Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 14

EFFECTIVE January 16, 2017

WHEREAS, In 2016, there were a string of crimes targeting restaurant delivery drivers in Providence; and

WHEREAS, According to the Providence Journal, there were 13 separate incidents of delivery drivers being robbed in Providence between January 1st and March 21st, 2016; and

WHEREAS, These disturbing attacks continued throughout the year, occurred in many different neighborhoods, and spread a sense of fear throughout the city's delivery and restaurant communities; and

WHEREAS, Since delivery drivers are known to carry cash and goods, they are frequently targeted by violent criminals; and

WHEREAS, Crimes against delivery workers included assault, armed robbery, stabbing, carjacking, and more; and

WHEREAS, Similar crimes have been growing steadily around the nation, for a number of years, with the U.S. Department of Labor reporting that, in 2014, 160 drivers and restaurant salespeople were injured on the job by robbers and, nationally, the number of food-service drivers killed on the job increased from eight in 2013 to twenty in 2014; and

WHEREAS, For many years, the Bureau of Labor Statistics has consistently ranked delivery driver as one of the ten most dangerous occupations in America; and

WHEREAS, In light of recent incidents and recognizing the dangerous nature of the job, extra protections for delivery workers and enhanced penalties for those who assault, rob, or otherwise commit crimes against delivery workers are necessary; and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council has a moral obligation to do all in its power to protect those who live, work, and visit our city from violence and crime.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby request that the General Assembly enact laws establishing protections for delivery workers and enhanced penalties for crimes committed against delivery workers, and to examine those workers who operate a motor vehicle.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate, and the entire Providence delegation in the General Assembly.

IN CITY COUNCIL

JAN 05 2017

READ AND PASSED


PRES.


CLERK

**Effective without the
Mayor's Signature**



**Lori L. Hagen
City Clerk**