

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 113

EFFECTIVE ~~APPROX~~ March 18, 2013

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council approved Resolution No. 258 on April 19, 2012, calling for an inquiry into nightclub licensing and safety in response to violent incidents that occurred in 2012 at late-night entertainment venues; and

WHEREAS, The primary goals of the review were to identify tools to maintain and expand a dynamic and robust nightlife in Providence, and to ensure the safe enjoyment of the city's nighttime arts, entertainment, and cultural offerings; and

WHEREAS, The City Council Committee on Ordinances held five public meetings, May through June 2012, to discuss nightclub licensing and safety issues, and heard testimony from City officials, nightclub owners, residents, and representatives from business improvement and civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, In addition to suggestions from stakeholders on how to improve Providence nightlife policies and regulations, the committee reviewed other cities' laws and policies; and

WHEREAS, The Committee on Ordinances submitted the Entertainment Licensing and Nightclub Safety Report and Recommendations to the City Council on January 3, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The City Council recognizes that ensuring a safe and vibrant nightlife in Providence contributes to the local economy, and promotes positive cultural and recreational experiences for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, The report recommended policies and legislation to achieve a safe and vibrant nightlife in Providence; and

WHEREAS, The report recommended significant clarification of the policies and procedures of the Board of Licenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby request the Board of Licenses adopt written policies and procedures for all functions of the Board, including, but not limited to:



- 1) Procedures for all hearings including administrative, pre-conference and show cause hearings;
- 2) Overview of decision-making process, including the range of criteria which may be used to make determinations regarding penalties for violations;
- 3) A schedule of minimum penalties for license violations; and
- 4) Guidelines for Board members, including conflicts of interest and rules for recusal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the written policies and procedures should be submitted to the City Council within 60 (sixty) days of passage of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution shall be sent to the chairman of the Board of Licenses, the Licensing Administrator, and the City Solicitor.

**IN CITY
COUNCIL**

**MAR 07 2013
FINAL READING
READ AND PASSED**


PRESIDENT

CLERK

Effective without the
Mayor's Signature


**Anna M. Stetson
City Clerk**