# CITY OF PROVIDENCE
# RHODE ISLAND

**The Credo of the Providence City Council is to be Industrious, to be Watchful and to Promote Peace. The bee, as a symbol of industry, is derived from the early colonial saying "Busy as a Bee"; the goose, as a symbol of watchfulness, is derived from the story of the goose whose cackling saved Rome; and the lamb, as a symbol of peace, is derived from the biblical use of the lamb as a symbol of peace.**

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# CITY COUNCIL

# JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

**No. 7 City Council Regular Council Meeting, Thursday, March 20, 2025, 6:00 o'clock P.M.**

## PRESIDING

## COUNCIL PRESIDENT
## RACHEL M. MILLER

### CALL TO ORDER

**PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, HARRIS, PETERSON, COUNCILORS PICHARDO, ROIAS, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCILMAN TAYLOR, COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS – 14.**

**ABSENT: COUNCILMAN GONCALVES – 1.**

**ALSO PRESENT: TINA L. MASTROIANNI, CITY CLERK, SHERI A. PETRONIO, FIRST DEPUTY CITY CLERK, LAUREN GUTIERREZ, ASSISTANT CLERK, NAPOLEON ASKIE, CITY SERGEANT AND KENNETH CHIAVARINI, DEPUTY CITY SOLICITOR.**

## INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by **COUNCILWOMAN ALTHEA A. GRAVES.**

"Asking that you guide us, that you show us the way, that you help us to understand what is needed in our city and how to achieve what is better for each and every person. Not just one subsection but for the city as a whole. We are asking that you look down on us. Know our hearts, know our minds, know that we really are here to do the best that we can, and if there's a way that we're not going please show it to us. Please lead us, please guide us, times are going to be hard. We have a new president that sees things differently than the majority of us. We have to pray for him, but we have to also stand up and do what's right to the best of our abilities. Things may be taken away but we need to find another way to make sure that our children are safe, that our family have a place to live and that our elders are taken care of. We need to make sure that our schools are strong, we need to make sure that the people that are here in this safe city are not harassed or taken unjustly. We need to stand strong, we need to be here for each other. Teach us, show us, guide us in all ways. I know that you see that we have nothing but the best in our hearts for this city. All I can say is teach me, teach me, show me, show me, I will follow you wherever you lead me in all things. I give honor to you, please show us. Amen."

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## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**COUNCILWOMAN MARY KAY HARRIS** Leads the Members of the City Council and the Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

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## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Journal of Proceedings No. 6 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held March 6,2025.

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 3 and Move Approval, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

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| **RESULT:** | **APPROVED (WITH VOTE) [UNANIMOUS]** |
| **MOVER:** | Councilman Espinal |
| **SECONDER:** | Councilwoman Harris |
| **AYES:** | Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Espinal, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 14. |
| **ABSENT:** | Councilman Goncalves – 1. |

## APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated February 19, 2025, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council, that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1013 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, he is this day appointing **Rachael Dotson**, of 230 Calla Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02905, as a Real Estate, Development or Finance category member of the **City Plan Commission** for a term to expire on January 31, 2030, and respectfully submit the same for your approval. (Ms. Dotson replaces Mr. Sherry whose term expired on January 31, 2025).

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| **RESULT:** | **REFERRED** |
| **TO:** | Committee on Finance |

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Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated March 12, 2025, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council, that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1107 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, and the Bylaws of the Providence Housing Authority, he is this day appointing **Toni Akin**, of 86 Metcalf Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02904, as a member of the **Providence Housing Authority Board of Directors**, for a term to expire on July 31, 2025. (Ms. Akin replaces Ms. Cigna who has resigned).

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Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated March 12, 2025, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council, that pursuant to Section 302(b) and 1107 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, and the Bylaws of the Providence Housing Authority, he is this day appointing **Lauren E. Hill, Esquire** of 218 Waterman Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a member of the **Providence Housing Authority Board of Directors**, for a term to expire on July 31, 2026. (Ms. Hill replaces Mr. Retsinas who has resigned).

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| **RESULT:** | **RECEIVED** |

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 4 through 6, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 4 to the Committee on Finance and Receives items 5 and 6.**

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# ORDINANCE(S) SECOND READING

## The following Ordinances were in City Council March 6, 2025, Read and Passed the First Time and Severally Returned Passage the Second Time:

**COUNCILWOMAN RYAN AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 12, "Health And Sanitation", Article III, "Garbage, Trash, and Refuse", Sec. 12-46 "Definitions", Sec. 12-57 "Littering", and Sec. 12-80 "Violations and Penalties" of the Providence Code of Ordinances.

Section 1. Chapter 12, "Health and Sanitation", Article III, "Garbage, Trash, and Refuse", Sec. 12-46, Sec. 12-57, and Sec. 12-80 are hereby amended to read as follows:

**§ 12-46. Definitions.**

(a) *Household* rubbish shall include all noncombustible refuse, incidental to the ordinary conduct of the household, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, tin cans, tinware, bottles, glassware, earthenware, metal articles, ashes from coal, coke and other fuel and mineral substances, such as ordinarily accumulate in the maintenance of dwellings. Refuse incurred in the operation of an industrial or commercial establishment shall not be included within the meaning of this section.

(b) Waste *materials* shall be deemed to mean and include commercial refuse and garbage, combustible waste, noncombustible waste, ordinary waste, ordinary commercial waste or industrial waste.

(c) *Dwellings* shall mean a building arranged, intended or designated to be occupied by one (1) or more families living independently of each other and doing their cooking upon the premises, or occupied by one (1) or more individuals or groups of individuals as their home.

(d) Litter shall mean any discarded, used or unconsumed substance or waste. Litter may include, but is not limited to, any garbage, trash, refuse, debris, rubbish, grass clippings or other lawn or garden waste, magazines, glass, metal, plastic or paper containers or other packaging, construction material, motor vehicle parts, furniture, oil, carcass of dead animal, any nauseous or offensive matter of any kind, any object likely to injure any person or create a traffic hazard or anything else of an unsightly nature, which has been discarded, abandoned or otherwise disposed of improperly.

(e) *Dumpster* shall mean any bulk container with a capacity greater than one (1) cubic yard constructed and placed for use as a depository for refuse, trash or garbage.

(f) *Heavy debris/large items* shall include debris, goods and items weighing in excess of twenty-five (25) pounds; or stoves, washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, boilers, furnaces, water heaters, furniture, bedding, mattresses, tires, engines, transmissions, radiators, automobile or truck parts, including but not limited to, doors, roofs, fenders, bumpers and frames, construction debris including but not limited to wood, plaster, masonry and like items.

(g) *Recyclables* shall include those materials which are required to be removed and separated from the municipal solid waste at the source and placed in or on top of the set-out container, provided by the state, for transport to the nearest materials recovery facility (MRF) for recycling. Recyclable materials shall include glass, food and beverage containers, newspaper, tin-coated steel cans, steel cans, aluminum, white goods (stoves, refrigerators, washers, dryers, plastic H.D.P.E. milk jug(s) type and plastic P.E.T. soft drink type beverage containers). Additional materials may be declared to be recyclables by the director of the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management at a later date, pending new technology, economic conditions, waste stream characteristics, environmental effect, or mutual agreement between state and city.

(h) *Swill* or garbage shall mean any kitchen or market refuse of an organic nature, including but not limited to food waste.

(i) *Roll-off container* shall mean an open top dumpster characterized by a rectangular footprint, utilizing wheels to facilitate rolling the dumpster in place. The container is designed to be transported by special roll-off trucks.

(j) *Contained* shall mean placed in a city-approved, watertight covered container designed for the purpose of holding garbage, trash, or debris. Garbage, trash or debris placed only in a plastic bag or a bag of similar material is not contained-within the meaning of this section.

(k) Garbage *receptacle* shall refer to a container equipped with handles, tight fitting covers, and that has the capacity specified by the department of public works.

(l) Watershed shall mean any area of land where precipitation collects and drains into a common water body, such as a river, lake, or reservoir, including both surface and groundwater flows, that contributes to the water quality and ecosystem health of the receiving body.

**§ 12-57. Littering.**

(a) Littering *on private property prohibited; exceptions.* No person shall dump, deposit, drop, throw, discard, leave, cause or permit the dumping, depositing, dropping, throwing, discarding or leaving of litter upon any public or private property in this city, or upon or into any river, lake, pond or other stream or body of water in this city unless:

(1) The property has been designated by the city for the disposal of litter;

(2) The litter is placed in a receptacle or other container intended by the owner or tenant of that property for the deposit of litter.

(b) Littering *on public ways or public property; improper use of public receptacles.* No person shall dump, deposit, drop, throw, discard or otherwise dispose of litter from any motor vehicle upon any public highway, upon any public or private property or upon or into any river, lake, pond, stream or body of water in this city except as permitted by law, nor shall any person transport by any means garbage or refuse from any dwelling, residence, place of business, farm or other site to and deposit such material in, around or on top of trash barrels or other receptacles placed along public streets or in public parks or in, around or on top of trash barrels or other receptacles of another person without the consent of the owner or person in control of such trash barrel or receptacle.

(c) *Owner to keep premises free of* litter. The owner or person in control of any property which is held out to the public as a place for assemblage, the transaction of business, recreation or as a public way and including but not limited to restaurants, shopping centers, fast-food outlets, convenience stores, stores, hotels, motels, industrial establishments, office buildings, apartment buildings, housing projects, construction sites, loading and unloading docks, gas stations, and hospitals and clinics shall take all reasonably necessary measures including daily cleanup of the premises to prevent litter from drifting or blowing to adjoining premises, and if necessary, to maintain receptacles for and to deposit properly such litter in receptacles.

(d) *Owner to provide* litter *receptacles.* The owner or person in control of any property which is held out to the public as a place for assemblage, for the transaction of business, for recreation or as a public way shall provide and conspicuously identify receptacles for the disposal of litter.

(e) Litter *to be disposed of in receptacles.* It shall be unlawful for any person going upon the premises of another to dispose of litter while on such premises except in receptacles provided for such purposes without the consent of the owner or person in control of such receptacle.

(f) Litter *on vacant land.* The owner or person in control of a vacant or unimproved land shall maintain said land reasonably free of litter, debris, or other offensive material.

**(g) Littering *in a Watershed.*** No person shall dump, deposit, drop, throw, discard, or otherwise dispose of litter in any area of land that is part of a watershed, as defined in § 12-46, or into any river, lake, pond, stream, or body of water that is part of such a watershed. This includes both surface and groundwater flows that contribute to the water quality and ecosystem health of the receiving body. Littering in a watershed shall carry an increased fine due to the special environmental impact of such actions.

**§ 12-80. Violations and Penalties.**

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| Littering | 100.00 | Sec. 12-57 |
| Littering in a Watershed | 250.00 | Sec. 12-57 (g) |

**COUNCILWOMEN HARRIS, GRAVES, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCILMAN VARGAS AND COUNCILOR ROIAS**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17 "Officers and Employees", Article III "Compensation and other Benefits", Division I "In General", Section 17-57 "Holiday Pay".

**Section 1.** Chapter 17 "Officers and Employees", Article III - "Compensation and Other Benefits", Division 1 - "In General", Section 17-57 "Holidays and Holiday Pay" is hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 17-57. - Holidays and holiday pay.**

(a) All permanent employees of the city paid on an hourly or per diem basis shall be entitled to and shall receive pay as established by ordinance for the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, V-Js Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Election Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day; provided that such holiday occurs on a day when such employee normally renders services; and further provided, that such employees shall receive such pay only when they have worked on the last working day before each holiday and have worked on the next working day following each holiday.

(b) All work performed on such holiday shall be paid at the rate of one hundred fifty (150) percent of the employee's regular hourly rate pay for the actual time worked in addition to the regular pay allowed for the holiday, but the period of such work shall not be credited as part of his workweek in computing overtime pay, as provided in section 17-59. Whenever such holiday occurs on a day when a permanent hourly paid employee normally renders services, the holiday shall be considered as part of his workweek for the purposes of computing overtime.

(c) The provisions of this section shall not deprive any department head of the right to require city employees to work on any legal holiday when such work in the opinion of said department head is necessary to the general welfare and safety.

**Section 2.** This ordinance shall go into effect upon passage.

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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS, (By Request):**

An Ordinance Relating to Article IV, Chapter 17, Section 17-189(f) of the Code of Ordinances. (Disability Waiver Request) (Melanie Borges).

**Section 1.** Notwithstanding the language of Section 17-189(f) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, which provides that the application to accomplish such (accidental disability) retirement must be filed within eighteen (18) months of the date of the accident, the Retirement Board of the City of Providence may consider and act upon the accidental disability retirement application of Melanie Borges, even though more than eighteen (18) months have passed since the date of the accident which is the averred proximate cause of the above-named applicant for disability retirement allowance.

**Section 2.** Said application shall be subject to and considered in accordance with all other applicable ordinances, regulations, standards and practices relating to accidental disability applications.

**Section 3.** This ordinance shall go into effect upon passage.

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**COUNCILWOMEN VARGAS, GRAVES AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS, (By Request):**

An Ordinance Relating to Article IV, Chapter 17, Section 17-189(f) of the Code of Ordinances. (Disability Waiver Request) (Adelina Mendez).

**Section 1.** Notwithstanding the language of Section 17-189(f) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, which provides that the application to accomplish such (accidental disability) retirement must be filed within eighteen (18) months of the date of the accident, the Retirement Board of the City of Providence may consider and act upon the accidental disability retirement application of Adelina Mendez, even though more than eighteen (18) months have passed since the date of the accident which is the averred proximate cause of the above-named applicant for disability retirement allowance.

**Section 2.** Said application shall be subject to and considered in accordance with all other applicable ordinances, regulations, standards and practices relating to accidental disability applications.

**Section 3.** This ordinance shall go into effect upon passage.

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## COUNCILMAN ESPINAL

An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 27 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence Entitled "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance" Approved November 24, 2014, as Amended, to Change Certain Text in Articles 2, 3, 4, 5, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20, and to Amend the Base and Overlay Zoning Maps.

Whereas, the City of Providence adopted a new Comprehensive Plan on November 22, 2024, and

Whereas, the Comprehensive Plan calls for certain changes to the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Maps, and

Whereas, these proposed zoning changes affect a prevalence of property owners, apply to a wide range of properties in a variety of different ways, and/or do not single out specific properties for revision but, rather, include a mosaic of changes to conform the Zoning Ordinance to the newly adopted Comprehensive Plan and are therefore collectively a general change to the Zoning Ordinance as defined by the Rhode Island Zoning Enabling Act,

Now therefore, be it ordained,

**SECTION 1:** Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, entitled "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance," approved November 24, 2014, as amended, is hereby further amended by making the following changes:

### ARTICLE 2. DEFINITIONS AND RULES OF MEASUREMENT

### 201 DEFINITION OF GENERAL TERMS

**Household.** One or more persons living together in a single dwelling unit, with common access to, and common use of, all living and eating areas and all areas and facilities for the preparation and storage of food within the dwelling unit. The term household unit is synonymous with the term dwelling unit for determining the number of such units allowed within any structure on any lot in a zoning district. An individual household shall consist of either of the following:

**1.** A family, which may also include servants and employees living with the family; or

**2.** A person or group of ~~not more than three~~ unrelated persons living together not to exceed three in a dwelling unit with three or fewer bedrooms and not to exceed five in a dwelling unit with more than three bedrooms.

### 202 RULES OF MEASUREMENT

**F. Impervious Surface and Pervious Surface Coverage**

**2.** Maximum impervious surface of a specific yard is calculated as the percentage of all impervious surface area of the total yard area. Yard area is defined in item O below. In the case of front yards only, the roofed area of a porch shall not be counted towards the impervious surface in that area of a lot.

**L. Lot Line**

A line of record, bounding a lot, which divides one lot from another lot or from a public or private street or any other public or private space and includes: (Figure 2-9)

**1.** A front lot line is the lot line separating a lot from a street right-of-way. The front lot line of a corner lot may be any one of the lot lines abutting a street. A front lot line for a through lot is one or both lot lines that abut a street. On a lot that does not abut a developed right-of-way, the front lot line shall be considered that lot line which is oriented towards the site access.

## ARTICLE 3. ZONING DISTRICTS

### 300 DISTRICTS

In order to carry out the purpose and intent of this Ordinance, the City of Providence is divided into the following zoning districts:

**A. Residential Districts**

**R-1A Residential District**
**R-1 Residential District**
~~**R-2 Residential District**~~
**R-3 Residential District**
R-4 Residential District
R-P Residential Professional District

**B. Commercial Districts**

~~**C-1 Neighborhood Commercial District**~~
**C-2 General Commercial District**
**C-3 Heavy Commercial District**

**H. Special Purpose Districts**

~~CC Capital Center Special Development District~~
DD Downcity Overlay District
ES East Side I-195 Overlay District
HD Historic District Overlay District
Special Flood Hazard Areas
TOD Transit-Oriented Development Overlay District
I-3E Educational Institutional Overlay District
I-3H Healthcare Institutional Overlay District

## ARTICLE 4. RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

### 400 PURPOSE STATEMENTS

~~**C. R-2 Residential District**~~

~~The R-2 Residential District is intended for areas of detached single-family and two-family, including semi-detached, residential development of moderate density. Limited non-residential uses, which are compatible with surrounding residential neighborhoods, may be allowed.~~

| TABLE 4-1: RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT DIMENSIONAL STANDARDS<br>SF = Single-Family // 2F = Two-Family // 3F = Three-Family // RH = Rowhouse // MF = Multi-Family | | | | | | |
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| | R-1A | R-1 | ~~R-2~~ | R-3 | R-4 | RP |
| **Bulk Standards** | | | | | | |
| **Minimum Lot Area** | Existing Lots: None<br><br>New Subdivisions: 7,500sf | Existing Lots: None<br><br>New Subdivisions: 5,000sf | ~~Existing Lots: None~~<br><br>~~New Subdivisions: 5,000sf~~ | Existing Lots: None<br><br>New Subdivisions: 5,000sf<br><br>New Subdivisions, RH: 1,667sf | Existing Lots: None<br><br>New Subdivisions: 3,500sf<br><br>New Subdivisions, RH: 700sf | Existing Lots: None<br><br>New Subdivisions: 5,000sf<br><br>New Subdivisions, RH: 700sf |
| **Minimum Lot Width** | Existing Lots: None<br><br>New Subdivisions 75'<br><br>New Subdivision, RH: 37.5' | Existing Lots: None<br><br>New Subdivisions: 50'<br><br>New Subdivision, RH: 25' | ~~Existing Lots: None~~<br><br>~~New Subdivisions: 50'~~ | Existing Lots: None<br><br>New Subdivisions: 50'<br><br>New Subdivision, RH: 12' interior units, 18' end units | Existing Lots: None<br><br>New Subdivisions: 35'<br><br>New Subdivision, RH: 12' interior units, 18' end units | Existing Lots: None<br><br>New Subdivisions: 50'<br><br>New Subdivision, RH: 12' interior units, 18' end units |
| **Maximum Building Height** | 40', not to exceed 3 stories<br><br>Lots of 2,500sf or less: 32', not to exceed 2 stories | 40', not to exceed 3 stories<br><br>Lots of 2,500sf or less: 32', not to exceed 2 stories | ~~45', not to exceed 3 stories~~<br><br>~~Lots of 2,500sf or less: 32', not to exceed 2 stories~~ | 45', not to exceed 3 stories<br><br>Lots of 2,500sf or less: 32', not to exceed 2 stories<br><br>RH: 45', not to exceed 3 stories | 45'<br><br>Lots of 2,500sf or less: 32', not to exceed 2 stories<br><br>RH: 45' | 45'<br><br>Lots of 2,500sf or less: 32', not to exceed 2 stories<br><br>RH: 45' |
| **Maximum Building Coverage** | 35% | 45% | ~~45%~~ | 45% | SF, ~~SD,~~ 2F, 3F, RH: 45%<br><br>MF, Non-Residential: 55% | SF, ~~SD,~~ 2F, 3F, RH: 45%<br><br>MF, Non-Residential: 55% |
| **Maximum Impervious Surface Coverage - Front Yard** | 33% | 33% | ~~33%~~ | SF, 2F, 3F, MF, Non-Residential: 33%<br><br>RH: 50% or 160sf, whichever is less | SF, 2F, 3F, MF, Non-Residential: 33%<br><br>RH: 50% or 160sf, whichever is less | SF, 2F, 3F, MF, Non-Residential: 33%<br><br>RH: 50% or 160sf, whichever is less |
| **Maximum Impervious Surface Coverage - Rear Yard** | 50% | 50% | ~~50%~~ | SF, 2F, 3F, MF, Non-Residential: 50%<br><br>RH: 33% | SF, 2F, 3F, MF, Non-Residential: 50%<br><br>RH: 33% | SF, 2F, 3F, MF, Non-Residential: 50%<br><br>RH: 33% |
| **Total Maximum Impervious Surface Coverage** | 50% | 65% | ~~65%~~ | 65% | SF, ~~SD,~~ 2F, 3F, RH: 65%<br><br>MF, Non-Residential: 70% | 65% |
| **Total Minimum Pervious Surface Coverage** | 1,000 sf | 1,000 sf | ~~1,000 sf~~ | 1,000 sf<br>RH: 400 sf per unit | 1,000 sf<br>RH: 400 sf per unit | 1,000 sf<br>RH: 400 sf per unit |
| **Setback Requirements** | | | | | | |
| **Front Setback Zone** | Sec. 402.B | Sec. 402.B | ~~Sec. 402.B~~ | Sec. 402.B | Sec. 402.B | Sec. 402.B |
| **Minimum Interior Side and Minimum Corner Side Setback** | Lot width less than 60': 6'<br><br>Lot width 60' or more: 10' | Lot width less than 60': 6'<br><br>Lot width 60' or more: 10' | ~~Lot width less than 60': 6'~~<br><br>~~Lot width 60' or more: 10'~~ | Lot width less than 60': 6'<br><br>Lot width 60' or more: 10' | 6' | Lot width less than 60': 6'<br><br>Lot width 60' or more: 10' |
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| **Minimum Rear Setback** | 30' | 30' | ~~30'~~ | 30'<br>RH: 20' | 30'<br>RH:20' | 30'<br>RH:20' |

## ARTICLE 5. COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS

### 500 PURPOSE STATEMENTS

**A. ~~C-1 Neighborhood Commercial District~~ Reserved.**

~~The C-1 Neighborhood Commercial District is intended for areas of small to medium-scale commercial use, typically located along urban corridors.~~

| TABLE 5-1: COMMERCIAL DISTRICT DIMENSIONAL STANDARDS | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | ~~C-1~~ | C-2 | C-3 |
| **Bulk Standards** | | | |
| **Minimum Lot Area** | ~~None~~ | None | None |
| **Minimum Building Height** | ~~16'~~ | 16' | None |
| **Minimum First Story Height** | ~~9' Residential use~~<br>~~11' Non-Residential use~~ | 9' Residential use<br>11' Non-Residential use | 9' Residential use<br>11' Non-Residential use |
| **Maximum Building Height** | ~~45', not to exceed 4 stories~~ | 50', not to exceed 4 stories | 50', not to exceed 4 stories |
| **Maximum Building Coverage** | ~~None~~ | None | None |
| **Total Maximum Impervious Surface Coverage** | ~~None~~ | None | None |
| **Minimum Setback Requirements** | | | |
| **Front Setback** | ~~Build-to zone of 0' to 5' see 503.A.6 for built-to percentage requirement~~ | Build-to zone of 0' to 5' - see 503.A.6 for built-to percentage requirement | None; unless multi-tenant retail center, then 503.B apply |
| **Interior Side Setback** | ~~None; unless abutting residential district, then 5'~~ | None; unless abutting residential district, then 10' | None; unless abutting residential district, then 10' |
| **Corner Side Setback** | ~~Build-to zone of 0' to 5' - see 503.A.6 for built-to percentage requirement~~ | Build-to zone of 0' to 5' - see 503.A.6 for built-to percentage requirement | None |
| **Rear Setback** | ~~None, unless abutting residential district, then 10'~~ | None, unless abutting residential district, then ~~20'~~10' | None, unless abutting residential district, then 20' |

### 503 DESIGN STANDARDS

**A. ~~C-1 and~~ C-2 District Design Standards**

The following design standards apply to new and existing non-residential structures, including mixed-use development. Residential dwellings, except for multi-family and mixed-use development, are not subject to these standards, but rather the principal use standards for that particular dwelling type, as indicated in Section 1202.

**7. Multi-Tenant Retail Centers**

Multi-tenant retail centers in ~~C-1 and~~ C-2 Districts shall comply with the following additional design standards.

**a.** The site shall be designed so that there is safe pedestrian access to the center from the public right-of-way and safe pedestrian circulation within the development.

**b.** A cohesive character is required through the use of coordinated hardscape treatment (special paving materials, lighting, street furniture, etc.) and landscaping.

**8. Ground Floor Uses**

For a building that fronts on a Main Street in a ~~C-1 or~~ C-2 District, residential and parking uses are prohibited on the ground floor of the building within 20 feet of the Main Street. Lobbies and common spaces associated with residences are permitted within this area. This requirement shall be considered a design standard, and not a use regulation. The following streets are Main Streets: Atwells Ave, Broadway, Westminster St., Washington St., Cranston St., Elmwood Ave., Broad St., North Main St., South Main St., Wickenden St., Thayer St., Hope St., Wayland Ave., Branch Ave., Charles St., Brook St. between Cushing St. and Waterman St., Angel St. between Thayer St. and Brook St., Waterman St. between Thayer St. and Brook St., and Chalkstone Ave.

## ARTICLE 11. SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS



### 1100 PURPOSE STATEMENTS

**A. ~~CC Capital Center Special Development District~~ Reserved**

~~The CC Capital Center Special Development District is established to govern in a coordinated manner the development of the Capital Center District in Downtown Providence, including implementation of special land use controls, proper urban planning, developmental tools, and implementation and administration of the Plan of Development.~~

### 1101 ~~CC CAPITAL CENTER SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT~~ Reserved

~~**A. Application**~~

~~The Capital Center Special Development District created in accordance with Section 2-361 through 365 of the Providence Code of Ordinances and state law is established to govern in a coordinated manner the development of the Capital Center District, including implementation of special land use controls, proper urban planning, developmental tools and implementation and administration of the Plan of Development which sets forth design and development criteria, regulations and enforcement procedures. Said Plan of Development is subject to those criteria, regulations and enforcement procedures as well as the provisions of this Ordinance.~~

~~**B. Development Approval**~~

~~Any property located in the D-1 District that is also located in the Capital Center Special Development District established in accordance with 2-361 through 365 of the Providence Code of Ordinances, shall comply with the regulations pertaining to uses, height, signs, landscaping, and parking. Properties in the Capital Center Special Development District shall be governed by the rules and regulations of the Capital Center Commission which it establishes from time to time pursuant to state law as well as the provisions of this Section. All development in the Capital Center Special Development District is subject to review by the Capital Center Commission following the process outlined in Article 19.~~

## ARTICLE 12. USES

**Table 12-1: USE MATRIX**
**Key: P = Permitted // S = Special Use**

| Use | R-1A | R-1 | ~~R-2~~ | R-3 | R-4 | RP | ~~C-1~~ | C-2 | C-3 | D-1 | W-2 | W-3 | M-1 | M-2 | M-MU | I-1 | I-2 | PS | OS | CD | Use Standard |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adult Use | | | | | | | | | | | | | P | P | | | | | | | Sec. 1202.A |
| Amusement/Entertainment/Sports Facility - Indoor | | | | | | | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | | P | | P | | P | P | P | | |
| Amusement/Entertainment/Sports Facility - Outdoor | | | | | | | | ~~P~~ | P | | P | | P | | P | | P | P | P | | |
| Animal Care Facility | | | | | | | ~~P~~ | P | P | S | P | | P | | P | | | | | | Sec. 1202.B |
| Apartment Dormitory | | | | | | | | | | P | | | | | | | P | | | | |
| Art Gallery | | | | | | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | | | | P | | P | | | | |
| Arts Studio | | | | | | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | | | | P | | P | | | | |
| Automated Teller Machine - Standalone | | | | | | | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | | | | Sec. 1202.C |
| Bar | | | | | | | ~~S~~ | P | P | P | P | | P | | P | | P | | | | ~~Sec. 1202.D~~ |
| Bed and Breakfast | | | | S | S | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | | | | S | | | | | | Sec. 1202.E |
| Body Modification Establishment | | | | | | | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | | | | P | | | | | | |
| Broadcasting Facility TV/Radio - With Antennae | | | | | | | | | P | | | | P | | P | | P | | | | |
| Broadcasting Facility TV/Radio - Without Antennae | | | | | | | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | | P | | P | | P | | | | |
| Cannabis Retailer | | | | | | | | S | P | P | | | P | P | | | | | | | Sec. 1202.JJ |
| Car Wash | | | | | | | | | S | | | | S | | | | | | | | Sec. 1202.F |
| Cemetery | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | P | | |
| Community Center | P | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | | | | P | P | P | P | | | |
| Community Residence – Type I | P | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | | | | P | P | P | | | | Sec. 1200.E & 1202.G |
| Community Residence – Type II | S | S | ~~S~~ | S | P | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | | | | P | P | P | | | | Sec. 1202.G |
| Conservation Area | P | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | |
| Contractor Storage Yard | | | | | | | | | S | | | P | P | P | | | | | | | Sec. 1202.H |
| Country Club | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | P | P | | |
| Cultural Facility | P | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | | | | P | P | P | P | P | | |
| Day Care - Day Care Center, up to 8 people receiving day care | P | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | | P | | P | | | | | | Sec. 1202.I |
| Day Care - Day Care Center, 9 to 12 people receiving day care | S | S | ~~S~~ | S | S | S | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | | S | | P | P | P | | | | Sec. 1202.I |
| Day Care - Day Care Center, more than 12 people receiving day care | | | | | | S | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | | P | | P | P | P | | | | Sec. 1202.I |
| Day Care - Family Day Care Home | P | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | | | | P | P | P | | | | Sec. 1200.E & 1202.I |
| Drive-Through Facility | | | | | | | | S | P | | | | S | S | S | | | | | | Sec. 1202.J |
| ~~Dwelling – Accessory Dwelling Unit~~ | ~~P~~ | ~~P~~ | ~~P~~ | ~~P~~ | ~~P~~ | ~~P~~ | | | | | | | | | ~~P~~ | ~~P~~ | ~~P~~ | | | | ~~Sec. 1200.E~~ |
| Dwelling – Adaptive Reuse | P | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | | | | P | P | P | | | | Sec. 1202.K & 1202.L |
| Dwelling - Multi-Family | S | S | | S | P | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | | | | P | P | P | | | | Sec. 1202.K |
| Dwelling – Rowhouse | P | P | | P | P | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | | | | P | P | P | | | | Sec. 1202.K |
| ~~Dwelling - Semi-Detached~~ | | | ~~P~~ | ~~P~~ | ~~P~~ | ~~P~~ | | | | | | | | | | ~~P~~ | ~~P~~ | | | | ~~Sec. 1202.L~~ |
| Dwelling - Single-Family | P | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | | | | P | | | | | | P | P | | | | Sec. 1202.L |
| Dwelling - Three Family | S | S | | P | P | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | | | | P | | P | | | | Sec. 1202.L |
| Dwelling - Two-Family | S | S | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | | | | | P | | P | | | | Sec. 1202.L |
| Educational Facility - Primary or Secondary | P | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | | | | P | | P | P | | | Sec. 1202.M |
| Educational Facility - University or College | | | | | | | ~~S~~ | S | S | S | | | | | S | | P | | | | Sec. 1202.N |
| Educational Facility - Vocational | | | | | | | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | |
| Electric Vehicle Charging Station (Principal Use) | | | | | | | | S | P | | S | P | P | P | S | | S | | | | Sec. 1202.O |
| Financial Institution/Bank | | | | | | | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | | P | | P | | | | | | |

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| **Use** | **R-1A** | **R-1** | **~~R-2~~** | **R-3** | **R-4** | **RP** | **~~C-1~~** | **C-2** | **C-3** | **D-1** | **W-2** | **W-3** | **M-1** | **M-2** | **M-MU** | **I-1** | **I-2** | **PS** | **OS** | **CD** | **Use Standard** |
| Fraternity/Sorority | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | P | | | | |
| Freight Terminal | | | | | | | | | | | | P | P | P | | | | | | | |
| Funeral Home | | | | | | | | S | S | | | | | | | | | | | | Sec. 1202.GG |
| Gas Station | | | | | | | | S | P | | S | P | P | P | S | | | | | | Sec. 1202.P |
| Golf Course/Driving Range | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | P | P | | |
| Government Office | | | | | | | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | | | P | P | | |
| Greenhouse/Nursery - Retail | | | | | | | | P | P | | | | P | | P | | | | | | |
| Group Quarters | | | | | | | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | | | | P | | | | | | |
| Healthcare Institution | | | | | | | ~~S~~ | S | P | S | | | P | | P | P | | | | | Sec. 1202.N |
| Heavy Retail, Rental and Service | | | | | | | | | P | | | | P | P | P | | | | | | |
| Helipad | | | | | | | | | | | | S | S | S | | S | S | S | S | | Sec. 1202.HH |
| Heliport | | | | | | | | | | | | S | S | S | | S | | | | | Sec. 1202.HH |
| Hotel/Motel | | | | | | | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | | | | P | P | P | | | | |
| Hybrid Cannabis Retailer/Cannabis Cultivator | | | | | | | | | S | | | | P | | | | | | | | Sec. 1202.EE |
| Industrial - Artisan | | | | | | | | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | |
| Industrial - General | | | | | | | | | | | | P | P | P | P | | | | | | |
| Industrial - Light | | | | | | | | | P | | | P | P | P | P | | | | | | |
| Industrial Design | | | | | | | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | |
| Live Entertainment - Ancillary Use | | | | | | | | | S | S | S | | P | | P | | P | | | | Sec. 1202.Q |
| Live Performance Venue | | | | | | | | | S | S | | | S | | S | | | | | | Sec. 1202.Q |
| Lodge/Meeting Hall | S | S | ~~S~~ | S | S | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | | P | | P | | | | | | Sec. 1202.R |
| Marina - Commercial | | | | | | | | | | | P | P | P | P | | | | P | P | | |
| Marina - Recreational | | | | | | | | | | | P | | P | | P | | | P | P | | |
| Materials Processing | | | | | | | | | | | | P | P | P | | | | | | | Sec. 1304 & 1202.S |
| Medical/Dental Office | | | | | | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | | P | | P | P | P | | | | |
| Micro-Brewery/Distillery/Winery | | | | | | | | P | P | P | P | | P | | P | | | | | | |
| Movie Studio | | | | | | | | | P | P | | | P | | P | | | | | | |
| Neighborhood Commercial Establishment | | | ~~S~~ | S | S | P | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Sec. 1202.T |
| Nightclub | | | | | | | | | S | S | | | S | | S | | | | | | Sec. 1202.Q |
| Office | | | | | | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | P | P | | P | P | P | P | | | |
| Outdoor Dining | | | | S | S | S | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | | P | | P | P | P | | | | Sec. 1202.U |
| Outdoor Market | | | | | | | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | | | | P | | | | | | |
| Park/Playground | P | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | | P | | P | P | P | P | P | | |
| Parking Lot (Principal Use) | | | | | ~~S~~ | ~~S~~ | ~~S~~ | S | S | | S | S | S | S | S | P | P | S | | | Sec. 1202.V |
| Parking Structure (Principal Use) | | | | | | | ~~S~~ | P | P | P | P | P | P | | P | P | P | P | P | | Sec. 1202.V |
| Passenger Terminal | | | | | | | | S | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | |
| Personal Service Establishment | | | | | | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | P | P | | P | P | P | | | | |
| Place of Worship | P | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | | | | P | P | P | P | | | |
| Plant Agriculture | P | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | | | | P | P | P | P | P | | Sec. 1200.E & 1202.W |
| Power Plant | | | | | | | | | | S | | P | | P | | S | S | | | | Sec. 1202.FF |
| Public Safety Facility | P | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | | | |
| Public Works Facility | | | | | | | | P | P | | | P | P | P | P | | | P | | | |
| Reception Facility | | | | | | | | P | P | P | P | | | | P | | | | | | |
| Rehabilitation Center | | | | | | | | S | S | P | S | | P | | | P | S | | | | Sec. 1202.X |
| Research and Development | | | | | | | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | | | | |
| Residential Care Facility | | | | | S | | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | | | | S | P | | | | | Sec. 1202.X |
| Restaurant - 3,500sf or less GFA | | | | | | | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | | | | |

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| **Use** | R-1A | R-1 | ~~R-2~~ | R-3 | R-4 | RP | ~~C-1~~ | C-2 | C-3 | D-1 | W-2 | W-3 | M-1 | M-2 | M-MU | I-1 | I-2 | PS | OS | CD | **Use Standard** |
| Restaurant - more than 3,500sf GFA | | | | | | | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | | P | | P | P | P | | | | |
| Retail Goods Establishment - 3,500sf or less GFA | | | | | | | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | | | | |
| Retail Goods Establishment - More than 3,500sf GFA | | | | | | | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | P | P | | P | P | P | | | | |
| Retail Sales of Alcohol | | | | | | | | P | P | P | P | | P | | P | | | | | | |
| Ship and Boat Building/Repair | | | | | | | | | | | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | |
| Social Equity/Workers' Cooperative Licensed Cannabis Retailer | | | | | | | | P | P | P | | | P | P | | | | | | | Sec. 1202.KK |
| Solar Energy System (Principal Use) | | | | | | | | | | | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | Sec. 1202.Y |
| Specialty Food Service | | | | | | | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | | P | P | P | | | | | | |
| Storage Yard - Outdoor | | | | | | | | | | | | P | P | P | | | | | | | Sec. 1202.H |
| Tank Farm | | | | | | | | | | | | P | | P | | | | | | | Sec. 1202.Z |
| Transitional Shelter | | | | | S | | | S | S | S | | | S | | | | | | | | Sec. 1202.II |
| Utility | S | S | ~~S~~ | S | S | S | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | S | S | | Sec. 1202.FF |
| Vehicle ~~Dealership~~/Repair/Service | | | | | | | | ~~S~~ | P | | | | P | P | P | | | | | | Sec. 1202.AA |
| Vehicle Operation Facility | | | | | | | | | P | | | | P | P | | | | | | | Sec. 1202.BB |
| Vehicle Dealership/Rental | | | | | | | | S | P | S | P | | P | P | P | | | | | | Sec. 1202.AA |
| Warehouse | | | | | | | | | P | | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | |
| Waste Facility | | | | | | | | | | | | P | | P | | | | | | | |
| Wholesale Establishment - Fully Enclosed | | | | | | | | | P | | P | P | P | P | P | | | | | | |
| Wind Energy System (Principal Use) | | | | | | | | | | | S | P | P | P | | | S | | | | Sec. 1202.CC |
| Wireless Telecommunications | S | S | ~~S~~ | S | S | S | ~~S~~ | S | S | S | S | P | P | P | S | S | S | S | S | | Sec. 1202.DD |
| **TEMPORARY USE** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Farmers Market | P | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | | P | | P | P | P | P | P | | Sec. 1203.A |
| Temporary Contractor's Office | P | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | | | | Sec. 1203.B |
| Temporary Emergency Housing | P | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | | P | | P | P | P | P | P | | |
| Temporary Mobile and Manufactured Homes | P | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | | P | | P | P | P | P | P | | Sec. 1200.E |
| Temporary Mobile Food Sales | | | | | | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | | Sec. 1203.C |
| Temporary Outdoor Entertainment | P | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | | P | | P | P | P | P | P | | Sec. 1203.D |
| Temporary Outdoor Sales | | | | | | | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | | P | | P | P | P | P | P | | Sec. 1203.E |
| Temporary Outdoor Storage Container | P | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | ~~P~~ | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | | | | Sec. 1203.F |

## 1202 PRINCIPAL USE STANDARDS

### D. ~~Bar~~Reserved

~~1. When a bar is a special use, the following elements of operation shall be considered:~~

~~a. Days and hours of operation.~~

~~b. The size of the establishment.~~

~~c. Maximum occupancy loads.~~

~~d. Exterior lighting design.~~

~~2. If outdoor seating is part of the establishment, a site plan shall be submitted indicating the total floor area of outdoor seating, and the general location of seats, tables, and other furniture proposed for outdoor seating.~~

**J. Drive-Through Facility**

**2.** All drive-through lanes shall be located and designed to ensure that they do not adversely affect traffic circulation on adjoining streets. Drive-through lanes on corner lots shall not route exiting traffic into adjacent residential neighborhoods. All applications for special use permit for a drive-through facility shall provide a study by a traffic engineer indicating the impacts of traffic generation predicted from the proposed project. To approve an application, the Zoning Board of Review shall find that there is no significant adverse impact on vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian traffic conditions due to the drive-through facility.

**K. Dwelling: Multi-Family or Rowhouse**

**6.** A dwelling unit in a multi-family dwelling or rowhouse dwelling may be used as a short-term rental, subject to the following standards:

**a.** Properties used as short-term rentals in the R-1A, R-1, ~~R-2, and~~ R-3, and R-4 zoning districts must be owner-occupied.

**8.** At least 500 sf of lot area per dwelling unit are required for multifamily dwellings in the RP and R-4 districts.

**9.** Multifamily dwellings in the R-1A, R-1, and R-3 districts shall be permitted by special use permit under the following conditions and calculations:

**a.** The lot shall meet or exceed the minimum lot area for new subdivisions.

**b.** R-1A: For lots of 15,000 sf or more, one dwelling unit is permitted for every 7,500 sf of lot area, with one further dwelling unit permitted if the principal structure is preserved in its entirety. Principal structures must exist as of January 1, 2025.

R-1: For lots of 10,000 sf or more, one dwelling unit is permitted for every 5,000 sf of lot area, with one further dwelling unit permitted if the principal structure is preserved in its entirety. Principal structures must exist as of January 1, 2025.

R-3: For lots of 5,000 sf or more, one dwelling unit is permitted for every 1,667 sf of lot area.

**c.** In the R-3 zone, where at least 20 percent of the housing units are deed restricted as affordable to households earning less than or equal to 80 percent of area median income, there shall be at least 1,000 sf of lot area per dwelling unit.

**d.** Multifamily dwellings in the R-1A, R-1, and R-3 zones shall not exceed three stories.

**e.** On lots of 20,000 sf or more, in order to preserve natural or built features of the site, the Zoning Board of Review may permit multiple principal structures on a lot and may adjust required setbacks. The resulting collection of structures and units shall be considered a multifamily dwelling.

**f.** Short-term rentals shall be prohibited as a condition of the special use permit.

**g.** In the R-1A and R-1 districts, the property shall not be occupied by more than three college students as a condition of the special use permit.

**10.** Rowhouses are subject to the following conditions and calculations:

**a.** A rowhouse shall be designed so that each unit has a separate street-facing exterior entrance and direct ground level access to the front yard.

**b.** A lot containing a rowhouse dwelling unit shall have frontage along a developed public right-of-way.

**c.** For each rowhouse dwelling unit, there shall be the following amount of lot area:
R-1A: 7,500 sf
R-1: 5,000 sf
R-3: 1,667 sf
R-4 and RP: 700 sf

**d.** In the R-3 zone, where at least 20 percent of the housing units are deed restricted as affordable to households earning less than or equal to 80 percent of area median income, there shall be at least 1,000 sf of lot area per dwelling unit.

**e.** Rowhouse dwellings in the R-1A, R-1, and R-3 zones shall not exceed three stories. Rowhouse dwellings in the R-4 zone shall not exceed four stories.

**f.** Subdivision into lots for individual rowhouse dwelling units shall not be completed until the rowhouse dwellings are constructed.

**L. Dwelling: Single-Family, Two-Family, or Three-Family~~, or Semi-Detached~~**

**6.** A dwelling unit in a single-family, two-family, three family, or semi-detached dwelling may be used as a short-term rental, subject to the following standards.

**a.** Properties used as short-term rentals in the R-1A, R-1, ~~R-2, and~~ R-3, and R-4 zoning districts must be owner-occupied.

**8.** Two- and three-family dwellings in the R-1A and R-1 districts shall be permitted by special use permit under the following conditions and calculations:

**a.** The lot shall meet or exceed the minimum lot area for new subdivisions.

**b.** R-1A: For lots of 15,000 sf or more, one dwelling unit is permitted for every 7,500 sf of lot area, with one further dwelling unit permitted if the principal structure is preserved in its entirety. Principal structures must exist as of January 1, 2024.

R-1: For lots of 10,000 sf or more, one dwelling unit is permitted for every 5,000 sf of lot area, with one further dwelling unit permitted if the principal structure is preserved in its entirety. Principal structures must exist as of January 1, 2024.

**b.** In the R-1A and R-1 districts, the property shall not be occupied by more than three college students as a condition of the special use permit.

**T. Neighborhood Commercial Establishment**

**6.** Signs are limited to those allowed in the ~~C-1~~ C-2 District.

**BB. Vehicle Operation Facility**

~~**2.** Outdoor storage is allowed by special use only.~~

**CC. Wind Energy System (Principal Use)**

**2.** All wind turbines shall be newly manufactured as of the date of installation. ~~Experimental/prototype wind turbines may be approved as a special use.~~

**DD. Wireless Telecommunications**

**6. Specific Standards for Wireless Telecommunications Antennas**

Wireless telecommunications antennas are a special use in all districts, unless they are stealth design in which case they are considered a permitted use. Stealth design for wireless antennas is encouraged. All applications for wireless telecommunications antennas shall include all information required by this section. In addition to the standards of this section for wireless telecommunications antennas, stealth design shall comply with the following regulations:

**a.** To qualify as a stealth design, wireless telecommunications antennas shall be enclosed, camouflaged, screened, obscured, or otherwise not readily apparent to a casual observer.

**b.** Wireless telecommunication antennas shall be mounted at least 40 feet above grade, as measured from grade to the base of the antenna, to qualify as stealth design, in addition to meeting the other requirements of this section. ~~Wireless telecommunication antennas mounted lower than 40 feet are considered a special use.~~

c. Antennas shall be located on or in structures already permitted within zoning districts, such as water towers, clock towers, streetlights, penthouses, parapet walls, and steeples, and shall be designed to blend in with the structure. Antennas that co-locate on existing wireless telecommunications towers are also considered stealth design.

~~c.~~ No antenna may increase the overall height of any structure on which it is mounted by more than five feet. ~~If an antenna exceeds the overall height of any building or structure, it is considered a special use.~~

## 1204 USE DEFINITIONS

**Dwelling - Rowhouse.** A structure consisting of ~~three~~ two or more dwelling units, configured in a manner such that the dwelling units are ~~stacked~~ aligned horizontally and separated by a party wall, and where the dwelling units ~~may~~are ~~be~~ separated by lot lines at the party wall. A rowhouse is ~~typically~~ designed so that each unit has a separate street-facing exterior entrance and direct ground level access to the ~~outdoors~~front yard. A rowhouse dwelling does not include a multi-family dwelling.

~~**Dwelling - Semi-Detached.** A structure used for residential occupancy that that contains two dwelling units attached by a party wall at the lot line but located on separate lots.~~

**Vehicle ~~Dealership/~~Repair/Service.** An establishment that that provides services and repairs to motor vehicles, motorcycles, and other recreational vehicles~~, or sells or leases new or used automobiles and recreational vehicles~~. ~~A vehicle dealership may maintain an inventory of the vehicles for sale or lease either on-site or at a nearby location.~~ Vehicle repair/service~~/dealership~~ does not include ~~sales, rental, or~~ repair of heavy equipment, which is considered part of heavy retail, rental, and service.

**Vehicle Dealership/Rental.** An establishment that sells or leases new or used automobiles and recreational vehicles, or rents automobiles and vans, including incidental parking and servicing of ~~rental~~ vehicles. A ~~motor~~ vehicle dealership/rental establishment may maintain an inventory of the vehicles for sale or lease either on-site or at a nearby location, and may provide on-site facilities for the repair and service of the vehicles ~~sold or leased~~owned by the ~~dealership~~establishment. Vehicle dealership/rental does not include truck rental establishments or rental of heavy equipment, which is considered part of heavy retail, rental, and service.

# ARTICLE 13. SITE DEVELOPMENT

## 1300 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

**A. Number of Structures on a Lot**

In the R-1A, R-1, ~~R-2,~~ R-3, and R-P Districts there shall be no more than one principal building per lot. This does not include permitted accessory structures. In all other districts, more than one principal building is permitted on a lot, provided that each complies with all bulk and yard requirements of a district as though it were a principal building on an individual lot.

## 1301 EXTERIOR LIGHTING

**D. Luminaire Standards**

All luminaires shall be designed as cut off luminaires. Cut off luminaires are those with a cut off angle of 75 degrees or less. Cut off luminaires are subject to the following standards.

1. The maximum total height of a cut off luminaire, either freestanding or attached to a structure, shall be 25 feet. ~~Any luminaire greater than 25 feet in total height requires special use approval.~~ (Figure 13-1)

**E. Exceptions to Lighting Standards**

3. Because of their unique requirements for nighttime visibility and limited hours of operation, outdoor recreational facilities (public or private) such as, but not limited to, football fields, soccer fields, baseball fields, softball fields, tennis courts, golf driving ranges, show areas, and other similar uses are exempt from the requirements of this section. Recreational facilities are permitted a total luminaire height of 60 feet in any district. ~~Luminaires greater than 60 feet in total height require special use approval. In lieu of special use approval, u~~University or college educational facilities may erect luminaires not to exceed 90 feet when approved through an Institutional Master Plan and accompanied by a lighting plan.

## 1302 ACCESSORY STRUCTURES AND USES

### A. General Regulations for Accessory Structures

7. Accessory structures permitted in rear, interior, or corner side yards shall be at least three feet from any lot line, unless otherwise permitted or restricted by this Ordinance.

### B. Amateur (HAM) Radio Equipment

1. Towers that solely support amateur (HAM) radio equipment and conform to all applicable performance criteria as set forth in Section 1304 are permitted only in the rear yard, and shall be located ten feet from any lot line and any principal building. Towers are limited to the maximum building height of the applicable district plus an additional ten feet~~, unless a taller tower is technically necessary to engage successfully in amateur radio communications and obtains a special use approval as required by this section~~.

2. Antennas may also be building-mounted and are limited to a maximum height of ten feet above the structure~~, unless a taller antenna is technically necessary to engage successfully in amateur radio communications and special use approval is obtained~~.

3. Every effort shall be made to install towers or antennas in locations that are not readily visible from adjacent residential lots or from the public right-of-way, excluding alleys.

~~4. An antenna or tower that is proposed to exceed the height limitations is a special use. The operator shall provide evidence that a taller tower and/or antenna is technically necessary to engage successfully in amateur radio communications. In addition, the applicant shall provide evidence that the tower and/or antenna will not prove a hazard and that it conforms to all applicable performance criteria of Section 1304. As part of the application, the applicant shall submit a site plan showing the proposed location of the tower or antenna, as well as its relation to the principal building and accessory structures.~~

~~5~~4. Any antennas and/or towers owned and operated by the City are exempt from these requirements.

### I. Fences and Walls

#### 4. Walls

a. A wall shall not exceed 12 inches in width, unless it is used to retain grade and the width is not visible above any adjacent finished grade. No wall within 5 feet of a front lot line shall exceed 36 inches in height. All other walls are limited to 6 feet in height. (Figure 13-3)

b. No wall shall be constructed of unfinished building materials, including but not limited to, poured concrete, or concrete blocks unless the wall is properly capped and finished on both faces. In residential zones, masonry units for walls shall be no larger than 18 inches in width and 8 inches in height.

### N. Refuse and Recycling Container

The following standards do not apply to properties that use city-issued wheeled trash and recycling containers.

1. ~~Refuse and recycling container regulations apply only to multi-family dwellings and non-residential uses.~~ Refuse and recycling containers are prohibited in the front yard.

### Q. Solar Energy System (Accessory Use)

#### 2. Building-Mounted System

c. On flat roofed buildings in R-1A, R-1, ~~R-2,~~ R-3, and R-P districts, the solar panel system is limited to a maximum height of six feet above the surface of the roof. On flat roofed buildings in all other districts, the solar panel system is limited to fifteen feet above the height of such structure. Roof-mounted solar energy systems are excluded from the calculation of building height.

**S. Wind Energy System (Accessory Use)**

Accessory wind energy systems are subject to the following requirements:

**2.** Wind turbines are subject to the following height restrictions:

**a.** The maximum height of any ground-mounted wind turbine is the maximum height allowed in the district. ~~A taller height is allowed by special use permit~~.

| Table 13-2: Permitted Encroachments into Required Setbacks<br>Y= Permitted // N= Prohibited | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Front Setback** | **Corner Side Setback** | **Interior Side Setback** | **Rear Setback** |
| Porch - Unenclosed<br>*6' into front, interior side, or corner side setback*<br>*8' into rear setback*<br>~~*4' from all lot lines*~~ | Y | Y | Y | Y |

## ARTICLE 14. OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING

| TABLE 14-1: OFF-STREET VEHICLE AND BICYCLE PARKING REQUIREMENTS | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **USE** | **MINIMUM REQUIRED VEHICLE SPACES** | **MINIMUM REQUIRED BICYCLE SPACES** | |
| | | **REQUIRED TOTAL BICYCLE SPACES** | **PERCENTAGE OF REQUIRED BICYCLE SPACES THAT SHALL BE LONG-TERM SPACES** |
| Place of Worship | R-1, ~~R-2,~~ & R-3 Districts: 1 per 5 seats<br>Other Districts: 1 per 8 seats | 1 per 5,000sf GFA | 25% |

### 1407 DRIVEWAY DESIGN

**B. Curb Cuts**

**1.** Curb cuts shall be required to provide access to parking areas from the public right of way. All curb cuts require approval of the Department of Public Works and the Traffic Engineer.

**2.** Single-family, two-family, ~~semi-detached~~ and three-family dwellings are limited to one curb cut. Each dwelling unit in a rowhouse dwelling is permitted no more than one curb cut. ~~However, lots of 50 feet or more in width may have two curb cuts to create a circular drive with approval of a special use permit~~.

~~**3.** Lots in the RP District are limited to one curb cut.~~

**4~~3~~.** ~~Lots or uses in all other districts are limited to one curb cut per street frontage plus one additional curb cut every 200 feet after the initial 200 feet.~~ All other uses are limited to one curb cut per street frontage. Additional curb cuts are permitted on a street frontage as long as there is at least 100 feet of street frontage for each curb cut.

## ARTICLE 15. TREES AND LANDSCAPING

### 1500 LANDSCAPING REQUIRED

**A.** Development activity that meets any of the criteria described below triggers conformance with this Article:

**3.** Full conformance is required when new principal buildings are constructed in the R-1A, R-1, ~~R-2,~~ R-3, and RP Districts.

## 1501 LANDSCAPE PLAN

### A. Content of Landscape Plan

6. The location, size, and material of retaining methods required to prevent erosion of landscaping material in permeable areas onto adjacent properties or rights of way.

## 1503 ON-SITE LANDSCAPING AND REQUIRED TREES

### B. Significant Tree Preservation

**1.** A significant tree is any tree that measures 32 inches or more in diameter at four and one-half feet above the ground. No significant tree may be removed without the permission of the City Forester. Removal of a significant tree without City Forester approval is a violation of this ordinance.

**2.** Any person wishing to remove a significant tree shall file a request with the City Forester. In order to grant permission to remove a significant tree, the City Forester shall make one or more of the following findings within 30 days of receipt of the request:

**a.** The tree is in poor health or diseased with an expected life span less than two years.

**b.** The removal of the tree is unavoidable because the tree poses a danger to property or human health, safety, and welfare.

**c.** The tree prevents the property owner from developing the property in conformance with this ordinance, and there are no alternatives to removal of the tree. In this case, the City Forester shall not approve removal of the tree until a permit for new construction has been approved.

**3.** When a significant tree is removed with City Forester approval under 2.a or b above, the property owner shall plant at least one large tree to replace it on the same property or in a location to be determined by the City Forester. When a significant tree is removed with City Forester approval under 2.c above or without City Forester approval, the property owner shall plant at least three large trees to replace it on the same property or in a location to be determined by the City Forester. ~~Any person who removes a significant tree without prior permission from the City Forester or causes the death of a significant tree through negligent construction practices or other means, as determined by the City Forester, is subject to a one-time fine equivalent to the value of the tree. The tree value is established using the Trunk Formula Method set forth in the latest edition of "Guide for Plant Appraisal," authored by the Council of Tree and Landscape Appraisers, or the maximum fine allowed by Rhode Island General Laws, whichever is greater. Fines will be held by the Parks Department for forestry-related uses as determined by the City Forester.~~

## ~~1505 INTERIOR PARKING LOT LANDSCAPING~~

All parking lots consisting of 20,000 ~~gross~~ square feet or more require interior parking lot landscaping as described in this section. When the calculation of interior parking lot landscaping requirements results in a fraction, said fraction is rounded up. (Figure 15-2)

# ARTICLE 16. SIGNS

## 1601 PERMITS AND APPROVALS REQUIRED

C. All signs, including window signs, in the D-1 District are subject to approval by the Downtown Design Review Committee~~,~~ or I-195 Redevelopment District Commission~~, or Capital Center Commission~~, as applicable. The Downtown Design Review Committee and the I-195 Redevelopment District Commission may grant a waiver to sign regulations as part of their review and approval, which includes permissions for moving or animated signs.

| TABLE 16-1: FREESTANDING SIGN REGULATIONS | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| District | Additional Controls | Maximum Sign Area Per Sign | Maximum Sign Height |
| R-1A | Permitted for institutional uses only | 16sf | 6' |
| R-1 | Permitted for institutional uses only | 16sf | 6' |
| ~~R-2~~ | ~~Permitted for institutional uses only~~ | ~~16sf~~ | ~~6'~~ |

| TABLE 16-2: PROJECTING SIGN REGULATIONS | |
|---|---|
| District | Maximum Sign Area Per Sign |
| R-1A | Prohibited |
| R-1 | Prohibited |
| ~~R-2~~ | ~~Prohibited~~ |

## ARTICLE 17. ORDINANCE ADMINISTRATORS



**1706 ~~CAPITAL CENTER COMMISSION~~ Reserved**

~~The organization and procedures of the Capital Center Commission are delineated in Section 1717 below. The Capital Center Commission has the following powers, pursuant to this Ordinance:~~

~~A. To make final decisions on Capital Center Special Development District review applications.~~

~~When the Capital Center Commission dissolves, the Downtown Design Review Committee and its staff assume jurisdiction over the area of applicability.~~

**1717 ~~CAPITAL CENTER COMMISSION ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURES~~ Reserved**

~~The Capital Center Commission is established in accordance in accordance with 2-361 through 365 of the Providence Code of Ordinances. Properties in the Capital Center Special Development District are governed by the rules and regulations of the Capital Center Commission, which it establishes from time to time pursuant to state law as well as this Ordinance.~~

## ARTICLE 18. APPLICATION AND NOTICE PROCEDURES

### 1800 APPLICATION

#### A. Filing of Applications

1. All applications shall be filed with the appropriate official as described in Table 18-1: Filing of Applications:

| TABLE 18-1: FILING OF APPLICATIONS | |
|---|---|
| **APPLICATION** | **OFFICIAL OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE** |
| Zoning Text and Map Amendment | City Clerk |
| Special Use | Zoning Board of Review Secretary |
| Variance | Zoning Board of Review Secretary |
| Administrative Modification | Director of Department of Inspection and Standards |
| Land Development Project | Director of Department of Planning and Development |
| Administrative Development Plan Review | Director of Department of Planning and Development |
| City Plan Commission Formal Development Plan Review | Director of Department of Planning and Development |
| D-1 District Formal and Administrative Development Plan Review | Director of Department of Planning and Development |
| I-195 Redevelopment Commission Development Plan Review | I-195 Redevelopment District Commission Staff |
| ~~Capital Center Special Development District Review~~ | ~~Capital Center Commission Staff~~ |
| Institutional Master Plan Formal Development Plan Review | Director of Department of Planning and Development |
| Certificate of Appropriateness | Director of Department of Planning and Development |
| Temporary Use Permit | Director of Department of Inspection and Standards |
| Zoning Interpretation | Director of Department of Inspection and Standards |
| Public Right-of-Way Encroachment Permit | Director of Department of Public Works |
| Building Permit | Director of Department of Inspection and Standards |
| Zoning Certificate | Director of Department of Inspection and Standards |
| Certificate Of Occupancy | Director of Department of Inspection and Standards |
| Zoning Appeals | Zoning Board of Review Secretary |

#### B. Pre-Application Conference

Prior to formal submittal of an application, the applicant may request a pre-application conference with the Department of Planning and Development and/or applicable review body or official. The purpose of the pre-application conference, which does not require a formal application or fees, is to provide informal advice and assistance to the applicant. Any opinions or advice provided are not binding with respect to any official action that may be taken on the application. This process is required for all land development projects and development plan review pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws §45-23. This process is also required for all petitions for changes to the zoning ordinance or maps.

### 1801 NOTICE

#### F. ~~Capital Center Commission Notice~~ Reserved

~~Notice of regular meetings and public hearings of the Capital Center Commission and its subcommittees shall be held pursuant to the procedures adopted by the Capital Center Commission.~~

## ARTICLE 19. ZONING APPLICATIONS AND APPROVALS



### 1904 LAND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

**C. Applicability**

**2.** The following types of development that may meet the above thresholds are not considered land development projects:

**a.** Any development in an institutional district that is part of an institutional master plan.

**b.** Any development subject to review by the Downtown Design Review Committee~~,~~or the I-195 Redevelopment District Commission~~, or the Capital Center Commission~~.

**c.** Primary and secondary educational facilities in residential zones.

### 1905 ADMINISTRATIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW

**C. Applicability**

**2.** The following types of development are not subject to administrative development plan review:

**a.** Any development that requires land development project review or development plan review by the City Plan Commission.

**b.** Any development in an institutional district that is part of an institutional master plan.

**c.** Any development subject to review by the Downtown Design Review Committee, the I-195 Redevelopment District Commission, or the Historic District Commission~~, or the Capital Center Commission~~.

### 1907 D-1 DISTRICT FORMAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW

**C. Applicability**

**3.** This section does not apply to improvements to properties located in ~~the Capital Center Special Development District,~~ the I-195 Redevelopment District, a Historic District, or the Industrial and Commercial Buildings District.

**D. Waivers**

**2. Downtown District Demolition Waivers**

**a. Purpose**

In order to preserve the urban fabric of the D-1 District, no building may be demolished, in whole or in part, until the Downtown Design Review Committee ~~or the Capital Center Commission, as applicable,~~ has granted a waiver to demolish the building and has approved plans for new construction. The review process for demolition waivers is contained in the development review regulations adopted by the City Plan Commission.

**1909 ~~CAPITAL CENTER SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT REVIEW~~ Reserved**

~~**A. Purpose**~~

~~The Capital Center Special Development District created in accordance with Section 2-361 through 365 of the Providence Code of Ordinances and state law is established to govern in a coordinated manner the development of the Capital Center District, including implementation of special land use controls, proper urban planning, developmental tools and implementation and administration of the Plan of Development that sets forth design and development criteria, regulations and enforcement procedures. The Plan of Development is subject to those criteria, regulations and enforcement procedures as well as the provisions of this Ordinance.~~

~~**B. Authority**~~

~~The Capital Center Commission, created in accordance with Section 2-364 of the Providence Code of Ordinances, is established to carry out the purpose of the Capital Center Special Development District. In addition to the design review process established by the Capital Center Commission pursuant to state statute, all development in the Capital Center Special Development District shall be reviewed to determine its conformance to the provisions of this section.~~

~~**C. Applicability**~~

~~In addition to those powers granted to the Capital Center Commission pursuant to Title 45, Chapter 24.4 of the Rhode Island General Laws, the Capital Center Commission has the ability to regulate development in the Capital Center Special Development District. The Capital Center Commission is authorized to regulate all improvements on public and private land in the Capital Center Special Development District, including the construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, demolition, removal, rehabilitation of the exterior of new and existing buildings and appurtenances pursuant to the authority granted under this section and in a manner not otherwise inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance.~~

~~**D. Plan of Development**~~

~~In accordance with Section 2-364 of the Providence Code of Ordinances, the Capital Center Commission shall adopt a Plan of Development to regulate the type of development, use, height, setback, size, design, and parking in the Capital Center Special Development District. The provisions of this Ordinance are minimum standards for the Plan of Development. The Plan of Development may contain a parking plan that establishes a minimum number of parking spaces for each parcel in the District and permits the required parking for any use to be supplied in public or private parking garages or lots on any parcel in the Capital Center Special Development District.~~

~~**E. Zoning Compliance**~~

~~All development in the Capital Center Special Development District shall conform to the provisions of this Ordinance.~~

~~**F. Waivers**~~

~~Where specifically noted by this section, and in accordance with all requirements herein, the Capital Center Commission may grant waivers that carry out the purpose of the Capital Center Special Development District, are in harmony with the general purposes and intent of these regulations, and are in accordance with the requirements of this section. Waivers may be granted to those regulations governing building height, setback, signs, landscaping, and parking. In granting a waiver, the Capital Center Commission may impose such conditions deemed necessary to carry out the purpose of this section. The Capital Center Commission may grant the following waivers, after a required public hearing that meets the same requirements as a Zoning Board of Review public hearing:~~

~~1. Building Height. The Capital Center Commission may grant a waiver to permit a building height increase of up to 30% of the permitted height specified by zoning.~~

~~2. Signs. To permit maximum flexibility in the location and type of signs requested, the Capital Center Commission may grant a waiver as follows:~~

~~a. Retail Trade. When the principal use of property is retail trade and the project contains more than 100,000 square feet of gross floor area with at least a minimum of five different retail uses, the owner may request a waiver to the sign regulations of this Ordinance. In requesting the waiver, the owner shall submit to the Capital Center Commission an overall sign plan that details the size, location, material, and lighting of signs on the project and sets sign criteria for retail frontages that would allow the change of retail uses and their signs without additional review. The Capital Center Commission may grant waivers as follows:~~

~~i. Maximum Total Area of All Signs. Permit a maximum total area of all signs that does not exceed five square feet of sign for every lineal foot of building frontage. In calculating building frontage, each side of the building may be counted.~~

~~ii. Maximum Sign Area. Permit the maximum sign area of one or more signs to be increased to a size deemed acceptable to the Capital Center Commission:~~

~~iii. Illumination. Permit a variety of illumination techniques including internal illumination as long as the sign does not read as a plastic back lit sign. Flashing, changeable letter or message, changeable color or any sign that moves are not permitted.~~

~~iv. Material. Permit a variety of contemporary sign materials which is not limited by the D-1 District sign regulations.~~

~~b. All Other Uses. The owner/applicant may request a waiver from the Capital Center Commission for signs in accordance with this section. In filing a request for a waiver, the owner/applicant shall submit an overall sign plan that details the size, location, material, and lighting of all signs on the project. The Capital Center Commission may grant waivers for signs as follows:~~

~~i. Planned Development. When a parcel, as defined in the Capital Center Regulations, which consists of five or more buildings that are not divided by a public road is developed in accordance with a plan, the Capital Center Commission may grant a waiver to permit signs on one building or lot in the parcel to advertise a business located in another building or on another lot in the parcel. The approved signs may be wall-mounted, freestanding or projecting. In calculating maximum total sign area, the maximum allowable area for each lot shall be calculated and added together to arrive at the maximum sign are for the parcel.~~

~~ii. Maximum Sign Area. Permit the maximum sign area of one or more signs to be increased to a size deemed acceptable to the Capital Center Commission but the total area of all signs shall not exceed the maximum total area of all signs on a building.~~

~~iii. Illumination. Permit a variety of illumination techniques including internal illumination as long as the sign does not read as a plastic back lit sign. Flashing, changeable letter or message, changeable color or any sign that moves are not permitted.~~

~~iv. Material. Permit a variety of contemporary sign materials which is not limited by the D-1 District sign regulations.~~

~~3. Landscaping. The Capital Center Commission may grant a waiver to the landscaping provisions of this Ordinance. In granting a request for a waiver, the Capital Center Commission shall find that the proposed landscaping meets or exceeds the intent of this regulation, and that the proposed landscaping is found to better address the needs of the development proposal.~~

~~4. Parking. The Capital Center Commission may, if it has not adopted a parking plan, grant a waiver to permit parking required by this Ordinance to be supplied in public or private parking garages or lots in the district. The Capital Center Commission may grant a waiver to permit a reduction of up to 25% of the required number of parking spaces per parcel.~~

~~5. Setbacks. The Capital Center Commission may grant a waiver to permit 20% of the building frontage to be set back from the street line or left open to form a courtyard. A waiver may also be granted for construction on a lot with a curved frontage, so that the building follows the chord or the tangent rather than the curve of the lot line. A waiver may also be granted where nonconforming setbacks exist on adjacent buildings.~~

~~G. Incentives~~

~~The Capital Center Commission is authorized to grant development incentives in the form of density bonuses, height bonuses, or transfers of development rights, in accordance with the provisions of the D-1 District.~~

## ARTICLE 20. NONCONFORMITIES AND USES BY VARIANCE OR SPECIAL USES

### 2003 NONCONFORMING LOT

**B. Enlargement or Subdivision of ~~Substandard~~ Nonconforming Lots**

Lawfully established lots which have less than the minimum area requirements, may be maintained and may be changed by adding additional land to such lots without prejudice to the rights of the owner of such lots pursuant to the provisions of this Section. Such lots may be reconfigured by adjusting lot lines so long as there is no increase to the degree of an existing nonconformity and no new nonconformities are created.

**C. Subdivision into Nonconforming Lots**

Where it is documented in an official plat book published by the City of Providence that one or more nonconforming lots previously existed, a subdivision may be performed on the subject property to create the same number of lots that preceded the merger of such lots as long as each of the resultant lots contains at least 2,500 sf and 25 feet of lot width. The subdivision is subject to all other regulations of this ordinance.

### 2004 NONCONFORMING SITE ELEMENTS

**1.** All nonconforming site elements shall be brought into conformance when the following occurs:

~~**1.** The existing principal structure is demolished and a new structure is constructed.~~

~~**2**~~ **a.** A new principal structure is constructed.

~~**3**~~ **b.** The ~~existing principal structure is increased in~~ total area of building footprint, including principal and accessory structures, is increased by 30% or more.

~~**4**~~ **c.** An existing parking lot of 10 or more spaces is fully reconstructed or repaved or an existing parking lot area is expanded by 50%. Resealing or re-striping of an existing parking lot, which does not entail paving, resurfacing, or replacement of the asphalt, concrete, or other surface paving material, is not considered reconstruction.

~~**5**~~**2.** When 50% or more of the length of a fence or wall is reconstructed along any one lot line, all fences or walls on the site shall be brought into conformance.

~~**6**~~**3.** When 25% or more of exterior lighting fixtures are replaced, all exterior lighting on the site shall be brought into conformance.

~~**7**~~**4.** Landscaping shall be brought into conformance when any of the following development activities occur. The limits of disturbance is defined as the boundary within which all construction, grading, paving or repaving, landscaping, and related activities occur.

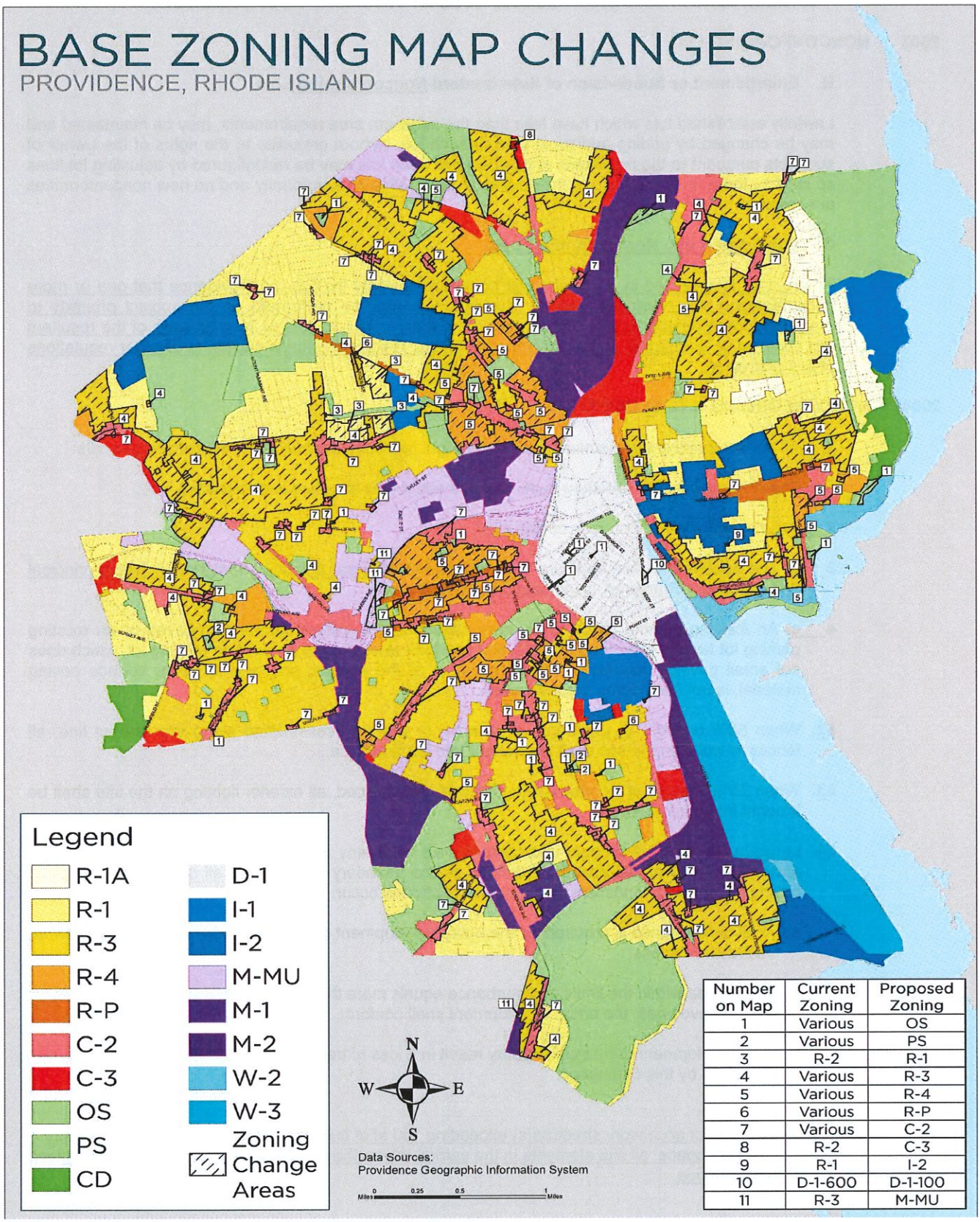
**a.** Full conformance is required for the entire development or area within the limits of disturbance, whichever is less.

**b.** If the area within the limits of disturbance equals more than 50% of the area of the lot or lots being developed, the entire development shall conform.

**c.** No development or tree cutting may result in a loss of trees and landscaping below what is required by this Ordinance.

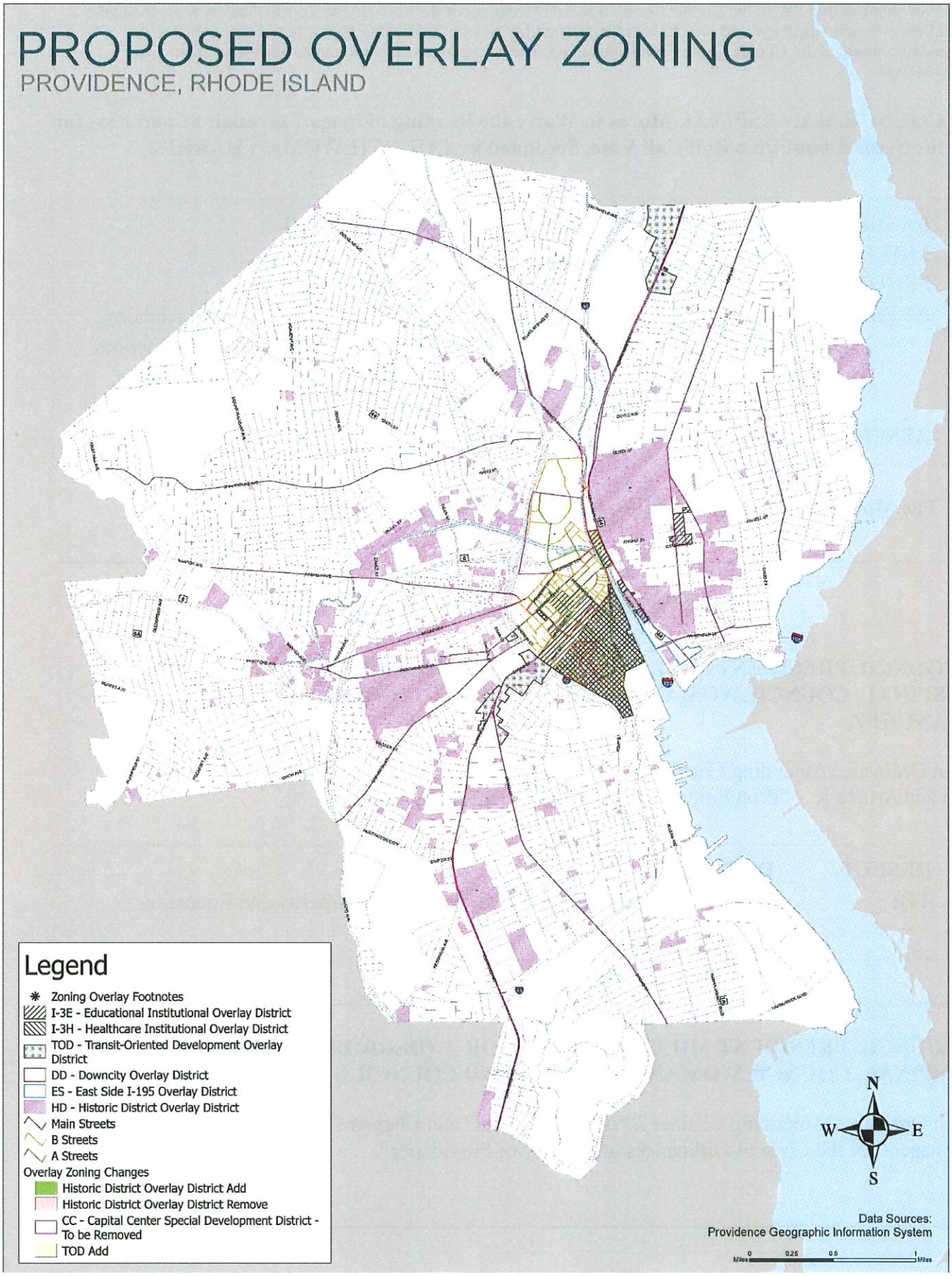
**5.** For new construction of accessory structure(s) exceeding 100 sf of building footprint or when an accessory structure is converted to living space, all site elements in the yard(s) where the construction or conversion takes place shall be brought into conformance.

**SECTION 2:** The Official Base Zoning Map is amended in accordance with the attached map. A new footnote shall be added as follows: "213-215 Camp St. Development on these parcels shall be limited to a) what is permitted in the R-3 zone, or b) what is permitted in the R-4 zone as long as there are no more than 16 dwelling units and four stories, with 100% of the units required to be affordable to households earning less than or equal to 80% of area median income." All existing footnotes on the current map shall remain.




| Number on Map | Current Zoning | Proposed Zoning |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Various | OS |
| 2 | Various | PS |
| 3 | R-2 | R-1 |
| 4 | Various | R-3 |
| 5 | Various | R-4 |
| 6 | Various | R-P |
| 7 | Various | C-2 |
| 8 | R-2 | C-3 |
| 9 | R-1 | I-2 |
| 10 | D-1-600 | D-1-100 |
| 11 | R-3 | M-MU |

**SECTION 3:** The official Overlay Zoning Map is amended in accordance with the following map.



**SECTION 4:** Text changes that delete regulations pertaining to the Capital Center Special Development District and map changes that delete the Capital Center Special Development District from the Zoning Overlay Map shall take effect only upon passage and enactment of legislation by the Rhode Island General Assembly repealing the establishment of the Capital Center Commission. All other provisions of this ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 7 through 11 and Pass for the Second Time on a Roll Call Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

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| **RESULT:** | **READ/PASSED SECOND TIME [UNANIMOUS]** |
| **MOVER:** | Councilman Espinal |
| **SECONDER:** | Councilwoman Harris |
| **AYES:** | Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Espinal, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 14. |
| **ABSENT:** | Councilman Goncalves – 1. |

**The Motion for Passage the Second Time is Sustained.**

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## PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON, COUNCILORS ROIAS AND SANCHEZ**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 13, "Housing" of the Providence Code of Ordinances to add Article X - "Prohibition of Algorithmic Rent Setting Devices".

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| **RESULT:** | **REFERRED** |
| **TO:** | Special Committee on Health, Opportunity, Prosperity and Education (HOPE) |

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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON AND COUNCILOR SANCHEZ**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 "Administration," and Chapter 21 "Revenue and Finance", of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence".

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**COUNCILMAN VARGAS AND COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 "Administration", Section 2-13 Entitled "Personal Use of City Vehicles" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence.

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|---|---|
| **RESULT:** | **REFERRED** |
| **TO:** | Committee on Ordinances |

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items12 through 14, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 12 to the Committee on HOPE and Refers items 13 and 14 to the Committee on Ordinances.**

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## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, (By Request):**

Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Change Order #1 Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(4) of the Code of Ordinances.

Toole Design Group, LLC $210,366.58
(Department of Planning & Development)

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Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(1) and (2) of the Code of Ordinances.

Federal Hill Commerce Association $750,000.00
(Department of Planning & Development)

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Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(2) of the Code of Ordinances.

Safety Markings, LLC $100,966.53
(Department of Public Works)

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Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Option Year 1 Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(5) of the Code of Ordinances.

K-5 Corporation and Safety Markings, LLC $200,000.00
(Department of Public Works)

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| **RESULT:** | **REFERRED** |
| **TO:** | Committee on Finance |

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 15 through 18, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers items 15 through 18 to the Committee on Finance.**

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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER AND COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES, (By Request):**

Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(1) of the Code of Ordinances.

Caremark PCS Health, LLC $73,200,000.00
(Department of People and Culture)

***RESOLVED***, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Authorize Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(1) of the Code of Ordinances.

Caremark PCS Health, LLC $73,200,000.00
(Department of People and Culture)

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Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b) of the Code of Ordinances.

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company $437,595.00
(Department of People and Culture)

***RESOLVED***, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Authorize Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b) of the Code of Ordinances.

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company $437,595.00
(Department of People and Culture)

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Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b) of the Code of Ordinances.

Blue Cross & Blue Shield of RI (London Health Administrators) $36,396.00
(Department of People and Culture)

***RESOLVED***, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Authorize Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b) of the Code of Ordinances.

Blue Cross & Blue Shield of RI $36,396.00
(London Health Administrators)
(Department of People and Culture)

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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES AND VARGAS, (By Request):**

Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(1) of the Code of Ordinances.

Delta Dental of Rhode Island $16,606,722.00
(Department of People and Culture)

***RESOLVED***, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Authorizes Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(1) of the Code of Ordinances.

Delta Dental of Rhode Island $16,606,722.00
(Department of People and Culture)

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Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(1) of the Code of Ordinances.

Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island $364,533,525.00
(Department of People and Culture)

***RESOLVED***, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Authorize Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(1) of the Code of Ordinances.

Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island $364,533,525.00
(Department of People and Culture)

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Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(1) of the Code of Ordinances.

Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island $226,125.00
(London Health Administrators)
(Department of People and Culture)

***RESOLVED***, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Authorize Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(1) of the Code of Ordinances.

Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island $226,125.00
(London Health Administrators)
(Department of People and Culture)

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Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(1) of the Code of Ordinances.

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company $243,783.00
(Department of People and Culture)

***RESOLVED***, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Authorize Approval of the following Contract Award by the Board of Contract and Supply, in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(1) of the Code of Ordinances.

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company $243,783.00
(Department of People and Culture)

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 19 through 25, Pass on a Voice Vote and Refer Back to the Board of Contract and Supply, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

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| **RESULT:** | **PASSED [UNANIMOUS]** |
| **MOVER:** | Councilman Espinal |
| **SECONDER:** | Councilwoman Harris |
| **AYES:** | Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Espinal, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 14. |
| **ABSENT:** | Councilman Goncalves – 1. |

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILWOMEN HARRIS, PETERSON AND COUNCILOR ROIAS, (By Request):**

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2025 H-5741, An Act Relating to State Affairs and Government - Rebuild Rhode Island Tax Credit.

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| **RESULT:** | **REFERRED** |
| **TO:** | Special Committee on State Legislative Affairs |

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 26, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 26 to the Special Committee on State Legislative Affairs.**

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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILOR ROIAS AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS**

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2025 H-5959,

An Act Relating to Property - Public Auctions by Electronic or Remote Procedures.

***WHEREAS***, Tax sales have been condemned generally as a means of dispossession, particularly to elderly, impoverished, and nonwhite homeowners; and

***WHEREAS***, The conducting of tax sales online by municipalities facilitates a process arduous to navigate for those whose tax arrearages have been sold and lack sufficient means to repay them; and

***WHEREAS***, The emergence of multinational investors as bidders in tax sales threatens to crowd out Rhode Islanders and compounds the deleterious effects of the practice; and

***WHEREAS***, Interventions on behalf of those homeowners threatened by tax sales are fruitful but limited in scale; and

***WHEREAS***, House Bill - 5959 will, if enacted, prohibit municipalities from conducting tax sales electronically unless specifically ordered by the Rhode Island Superior Court, aiding homeowners both statewide and in Providence particularly by decreasing the ease by which tax arrearages are sold; and

***WHEREAS***, The Providence City Council wishes to convey its sincere gratitude to Representatives Charlene Lima and Cherie Cruz for their leadership on this issue.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, That the Providence City Council offers its strong support for House Bill - 5959 and its ban on online tax sales; and

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives K. Joseph Shekarchi, President of the Rhode Island Senate Dominic Ruggierio, Representatives Charlene Lima and Cherie Cruz, and the Providence delegation.

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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS, COUNCILORS PICHARDO, ROIAS, SANCHEZ AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS**

Resolution Supporting the Unionization Efforts at Paul Cuffee Upper and Lower Schools.

***WHEREAS***, The right to organize enables employees to collectively advocate for their interests, fostering fairness, amplifying their voice in decision-making, and enhancing collaboration with administration; and

***WHEREAS***, This is especially important for educators, whose advocacy for fair wages, benefits, and working conditions, ensures that they are supported and motivated to provide high-quality teaching; and

***WHEREAS***, In efforts to create a more inclusive and supportive school environment, educators at Paul Cuffee Upper School voted to unionize with the Rhode Island Federation of Teachers and Health Professionals (RIFTHP) in October of 2024; and

***WHEREAS***, After the successful unionization of the Upper School, in December 2024, the educators of Paul Cuffee Lower School followed suit, voting to unionize with RIFTHP as well; and

***WHEREAS***, The Providence City Council supports good-faith negotiations between educators and school administration, recognizing these unions as a tool to advocate for the needs of both students and teachers.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, That the Providence City Council is in support of the educators and the Paul Cuffee Upper and Lower schools in their unionization efforts and commitment to strengthening and improving the school environments; and

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, That this resolution be transmitted to the administration of the Paul Cuffee Upper and Lowers Schools.

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**COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, HARRIS, PETERSON, COUNCILORS ROIAS, SANCHEZ, COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS**

Resolution Endorsing the PVD Tree Plan and its recommendations to expand and sustain the city's urban forest equitably and effectively.

***WHEREAS***, The urban forest of Providence is a vital and cherished resource that enhances public health, combats climate change, improves air and water quality, and fosters community well-being; and

***WHEREAS***, The equitable distribution of trees and green spaces is essential to ensuring that all residents-regardless of neighborhood-can enjoy the benefits of a healthy urban canopy; and

***WHEREAS***, The PVD Tree Plan is a community-driven initiative that brings together residents, environmental advocates, city leaders, and frontline climate justice communities to build a shared vision for a greener, more resilient Providence; and

***WHEREAS***, A citywide survey found that over 98% of residents support greater investment in Providence's trees, yet only 1.5% believe their neighborhoods have enough of them, highlighting the urgent need for action; and

***WHEREAS***, The PVD Tree Plan lays out a comprehensive strategy to address existing disparities in tree coverage, strengthen tree care and planting efforts, and enhance community engagement through initiatives like the Tree Ambassador Network and neighborhood-based decision-making models; and

***WHEREAS***, The PVD Tree Plan was created with the assistance of the Parks Department's Forestry Division, it has been endorsed by the Sustainability Commission and support for implementation of the plan is included in Providence's Comprehensive Plan, further highlighting the plan's long-term commitment to environmental justice and sustainability.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Providence City Council formally endorses the PVD Tree Plan and its recommendations to expand and sustain the city's urban forest equitably and effectively; and

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, That all city leaders and community members are encouraged to actively participate in the implementation of the PVD Tree Plan, recognizing that a greener Providence is a stronger, healthier, and more livable city for all; and

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the Mayor of Providence, the Director of the Parks Department, the Forestry Division, and the leadership of the PVD Tree Plan as a demonstration of the City Council's commitment to preserving it's urban forest.

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**COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY, GRAVES, HARRIS, COUNCILORS ROIAS, SANCHEZ, COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS**

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2025 H-5704, An Act Relating to Health and Safety - Pesticide Control.

***WHEREAS***, First and second generation anticoagulants, while markedly effective rodenticides, devastate food chains so pervasively that their impact remains unclear; and

***WHEREAS***, Anticoagulants bioaccumulate and remain in the tissues of those not targeted by their use, including the many of the 72,000 Americans poisoned by rodenticides they came in contact with or consumed in 2024; and

***WHEREAS***, Alternatives to anticoagulant rodenticides, including contraceptive bait, exist, have been approved by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and have been successfully deployed in New York City, Baltimore, and Washington, D.C.; and

***WHEREAS***, More humane and judicious methods of pest management would avert demonstrable and deleterious effects on human and animal life; and

***WHEREAS***, The City of Providence recognizes the inextricable ties of the built human environment to the soil, water, and nonhuman life and wishes to act commensurately; and

***WHEREAS***, The Providence City Council wishes to convey its gratitude to Representative Rebecca Kislak and the cosponsors of House Bill - 5704 for their leadership on this critical issue.

***NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED***, That the Providence City Council strongly supports House Bill - 5704, its ban on consumer retail access to first and second generation anticoagulant rodenticides, and its reimbursement program for municipalities deploying integrated pest management programs, including the use of alternatives to rodenticides, as administered through the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management; and

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be conveyed to the Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives K. Joseph Skekarchi, President of the Rhode Island Senate Dominic Ruggierio, Representative Kislak, and to the remaining members of the Providence delegation.

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 27 through 30 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

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| **RESULT:** | **PASSED [UNANIMOUS]** |
| **MOVER:** | Councilman Espinal |
| **SECONDER:** | Councilwoman Harris |
| **AYES:** | Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Espinal, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 14. |
| **ABSENT:** | Councilman Goncalves – 1. |

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, PETERSON, COUNCILOR ROIAS AND COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS**

Resolution Commending Housing Supply Legislation in the Rhode Island General Assembly.

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**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON, COUNCILOR ROIAS AND COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS**

Resolution Supporting Transit Legislation currently before the General Assembly.

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| **RESULT:** | **REFERRED** |
| **TO:** | Special Committee on State Legislative Affairs |

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**COUNCILMEN GONCALVES, ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON, COUNCILORS ROIAS, SANCHEZ AND COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS**

Resolution Requesting the Administration explore a Circuit Breaker Property Tax Exemption for future years to provide relief to low-income residents and elderly homeowners on fixed incomes.

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| **RESULT:** | **REFERRED** |
| **TO:** | Special Committee on Health, Opportunity, Prosperity and Education (HOPE) |

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 31 through 33, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers items 31 and 32 to the Special Committee on State Legislative Affairs and Refers item 33 to the Special Committee on HOPE.**

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**COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, HARRIS, COUNCILORS ROIAS, SANCHEZ AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS**

Resolution Recognizing March as Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Awareness Month and Highlighting the Critical need for Sustained Research Funding.

***WHEREAS***, Multiple Sclerosis (MS) is a chronic and unpredictable disease of the central nervous system that affects nearly 1 million people in the United States and more than 2.8 million people worldwide; and

***WHEREAS***, MS is an autoimmune disease in which the body's immune system mistakenly attacks the protective covering of nerves, leading to inflammation and resulting in a variety of symptoms such as fatigue, mobility issues, cognitive impairment, pain, and vision problems; and

***WHEREAS***, The effects of MS vary widely from person to person and can result in significant physical, emotional, and financial burdens on those diagnosed, as well as their families and caregivers; and

***WHEREAS***, Although treatments exist to help manage symptoms and slow disease progression, there is currently no known cure for MS, which highlights the critical need in supporting ongoing research to improve the lives of those affected; and

***WHEREAS***, Federally and privately funded research has played a crucial role in deepening our understanding of MS, leading to breakthroughs in treatment and improving the quality of life for those affected; and

***WHEREAS***, Sustained investment in MS research is essential to developing new therapies, advancing towards a cure, and ensuring that those living with MS are not left behind due to reductions in critical funding; and

***WHEREAS***, The potential loss of research funding threatens to stall progress in MS treatment and care, leaving millions of individuals and families facing uncertainty about the future of their health and well-being; and

***WHEREAS***, Oftentimes, MS presents itself as an invisible illness, where many of its debilitating symptoms, such as chronic pain, fatigue, and cognitive difficulties, are not outwardly visible, leading to misunderstanding, misjudgment, and challenges in receiving appropriate support and accommodations; and

***WHEREAS***, Increased public awareness and education about MS and its wide range of symptoms is essential in promoting early diagnosis, improving healthcare outcomes and fostering a sense of compassion and understanding for those affected; and

***WHEREAS***, MS Awareness Month is observed every March to raise awareness of Multiple Sclerosis, provide education to the public, and encourage support for those affected by this disease and their loved ones.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, That the Providence City Council hereby recognizes March as MS Awareness Month and acknowledges the complicated web of challenges that individuals living with MS face on a daily basis; and

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, That the Providence City Council emphasizes the importance of continued research funding for MS, recognizing that scientific advancements are essential to improving treatment options, finding a cure, and enhancing the quality of life for those affected; and

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, That the Providence City Council urges increased public awareness, advocacy, and support for policies that protect and expand funding for MS research, ensuring that progress towards effective treatments and a cure is not hindered by financial limitations.

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**COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, HARRIS, COUNCILOR ROIAS, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS**

Resolution Honoring Lisa Guillette.

***WHEREAS***, In the United States, about 20,000 youth exit foster care without a permanent family placement each year; and

***WHEREAS***, Experiencing the foster care system itself is challenging and often traumatic for many youth, yet, aging out of this system without transitional support can be especially harmful to young adults; and

***WHEREAS***, Young adults who exit foster care without permanent family supports are significantly more likely to face unemployment, homelessness, and mental health challenges; and

***WHEREAS***, Recognizing these challenges over 20 years ago, Lisa Guillette transformed her small-scaled foster parents association into a leading nonprofit organization, Foster Forward, dedicated to supporting youth in and aging out of foster care; and

***WHEREAS***, Her leadership has positively impacted the lives of thousands, providing pathways to higher education, financial independence, lasting mentorship connections, and shelter for those experiencing homelessness; and

***WHEREAS***, Notably, Lisa initiated the organization's objective of providing housing by purchasing units to create affordable housing for those transitioning out of foster care; and

***WHEREAS***, Guillette partnered with other organizations, such as One Neighborhood Builders, Crossroads Rhode Island, and Family Service of Rhode Island to transform properties into affordable housing for young adults; and

***WHEREAS***, The Taunton Avenue Collaborative, a 144-unit complex in East Providence, exemplifies the transformative work resulting from the collaboration between these organizations; and

***WHEREAS***, Moreover, these projects reflect Lisa Guillette's ambition, whose genuine compassion and drive to help all youth have led to life-saving initiatives in Rhode Island; and

***WHEREAS***, It is unsurprising that Lisa Guillete was awarded 2025 Rhode Island Woman of the Year.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, The Providence City Council congratulates Lisa on this well-deserved honor and extends its deep appreciation for her unwavering commitment to protecting and serving our most vulnerable youth; and

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, That upon passage a copy of this resolution be sent to Lisa Guillette.

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**COUNCILOR ROIAS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, HARRIS, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS**

Resolution Celebrating School Social Worker Week and urging protection of school social worker positions Amid Fiscal Challenges.

***WHEREAS***, The City of Providence recognizes the indispensable role of school social workers in supporting the academic, social, and emotional well-being of students and families; and

***WHEREAS***, School social workers possess specialized skills in addressing various challenges hindering students' academic success, including but not limited to disability, poverty, discrimination, abuse, neglect, mental illness, homelessness, bullying, and familial stressors; and

***WHEREAS***, The demand for school social workers is higher than ever, particularly with the increasing prevalence of mental and behavioral health disorders among students, necessitating early identification and intervention strategies; and

***WHEREAS***, As school districts statewide grapple with the looming specter of budgetary reductions, the Providence Public Schools District (PPSD) finds itself similarly vulnerable with 18 school social worker positions within our district being slated for elimination in the upcoming fiscal year; and

***WHEREAS***, It is imperative to consider the profound impact such cuts will have on the well-being and academic success of our children across the city if this measure is allowed to proceed; and

***WHEREAS***, School-based mental health programs are crucial for identifying and addressing mental health issues promptly, thereby improving educational outcomes and fostering a conducive learning environment; and

***WHEREAS***, School social workers, as licensed mental health professionals in educational settings, provide invaluable services such as assessment, interventions, counseling, family engagement, and community referrals; and

***WHEREAS***, Research underscores the positive impact of school mental health programs on educational outcomes, including reduced absences, lower dropout rates, fewer disciplinary incidents, and enhanced academic achievement; and

***WHEREAS***, School social workers serve as integral members of the education team, facilitating collaboration among schools, families, and communities to promote student success; and

***WHEREAS***, The observance of 'School Social Worker Week' during the week commencing March 3, 2024, serves as a fitting opportunity to honor and express gratitude to the dedicated school social workers across the City of Providence and the entire state, who tirelessly serve the needs of students and families.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, That the City of Providence hereby acknowledges the invaluable contributions of school social workers and expresses heartfelt appreciation for their unwavering dedication to enhancing the lives of students and families throughout our community; and

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to NASW Rhode Island Chapter, Providence Public Schools District, Rhode Island Department of Education, and the Office of the Honorable Mayor Brett Smiley.

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**COUNCILOR ROIAS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, PETERSON, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS**

Resolution Condemning the Concept of the "Network State" and Affirming Democratic Governance.

***WHEREAS***, The City of Providence is committed to democratic governance, the rule of law, and the principles of representative government that ensure accountability to the people; and

***WHEREAS***, The concept of the "Network State," as promoted by individuals such as Curtis Yarvin, Peter Thiel, Marc Andreessen, and Elon Musk, advocates for the dismantling of democratic institutions in favor of corporate-controlled, CEO-led territories that replace sovereign governance with centralized, unaccountable rule; and

***WHEREAS***, This ideology actively seeks to exploit the challenges facing democratic governments, including the erosion of public trust and economic instability, to justify the privatization of governance and the consolidation of power into the hands of unelected corporate leaders; and

***WHEREAS***, Proponents of the "Network State" have sought to undermine democratic institutions, with documented efforts to exert undue influence over political processes, including the attempted hijacking of local governments such as San Francisco's political institutions, and the leveraging of financial power to dominate public discourse; and

***WHEREAS***, This concept aligns with and reinforces broader anti-democratic movements, including the authoritarian restructuring of government institutions, the suppression of diverse and inclusive governance, and the rejection of democratic accountability; and

***WHEREAS***, The influence of Big Tech billionaires and their investments in political movements that promote CEO-run governance, as evidenced by initiatives such as the "Reboot" conference and financial contributions to extremist political factions, pose a direct threat to the democratic principles enshrined in our Constitution; and

***WHEREAS***, The City of Providence stands firmly against the privatization of governance and rejects any efforts to replace democratic institutions with corporate autocracy.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, That the Providence City Council strongly condemns the concept of the "Network State" as an anti-democratic and dangerous ideology that seeks to erode public governance in favor of private rule; and

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, That the City of Providence reaffirms its commitment to democratic principles, transparency, and accountability in governance, and calls on all levels of government to resist efforts by corporate interests to subvert democratic institutions; and

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, That the Providence City Council urges federal and state lawmakers to take legislative and regulatory action to prevent the undue influence of corporate actors in democratic governance, including campaign finance reform, transparency in political contributions, and oversight of private efforts to establish alternative governance structures; and

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island General Assembly, the Rhode Island Congressional delegation, and relevant federal agencies to express the City of Providence's opposition to anti-democratic corporate governance models.

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**COUNCILOR ROIAS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY, GRAVES, HARRIS, PETERSON, COUNCILORS PICHARDO, SANCHEZ AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS**

Resolution in Support of Due Process, Free Speech, and Fair Treatment of Immigrants and Student Activists.

***WHEREAS***, The City of Providence has long stood as a bastion of free speech, civil liberties, and immigrant rights, upholding the fundamental principles of democracy and justice, and stands firmly against the authoritarian, xenophobic, and reckless immigration policies of the Trump administration, which have fueled a climate of fear, lawlessness, and abuse of power; and

***WHEREAS***, The Trump administration has demonstrated a blatant disregard for human rights, due process, and judicial authority, turning legal residents into political targets and treating immigrants like criminals without justification; and

***WHEREAS***, The Trump administration has engaged in egregious acts of political persecution, including the detention, deportation, and harassment of legal immigrants and professionals contributing to American society; and

***WHEREAS***, Mahmoud Khalil, a lawful permanent resident and Columbia University graduate, was arrested and faces deportation for exercising his constitutionally protected right to protest, a clear attempt to silence political dissent and suppress free speech; and

***WHEREAS***, Fabian Schmidt, a lawful U.S. green card holder and longtime resident of the United States, was detained by immigration officers at Logan International Airport despite holding valid documentation and is currently being held at the Donald W. Wyatt Detention Facility in Central Falls, Rhode Island, underscoring the arbitrary and discriminatory enforcement of immigration laws; and

***WHEREAS***, Dr. Rasha Alawieh, a Lebanese kidney transplant physician and assistant professor of medicine at Brown University in Providence, was unjustly deported from the United States despite holding a valid U.S. visa, demonstrating a disregard for legal protections and the contributions of skilled professionals in our communities; and

***WHEREAS***, The arrest of Mr. Khalil, the detention of Mr. Schmidt, and the deportation of Dr. Alawieh reflect a broader, calculated effort by the Trump administration to weaponize immigration enforcement, intimidate non-citizens, and undermine America's values of fairness and justice; and

***WHEREAS***, President Trump has openly admitted that Mr. Khalil's arrest is "the first arrest of many to come," signaling a dangerous escalation in the administration's crackdown on free speech, student activism, and political opposition; and

***WHEREAS***, The actions of the Trump administration violate the First Amendment rights of students, professionals, and immigrants, creating a chilling effect on free speech and further endangering civil liberties nationwide; and

***WHEREAS***, The targeting of pro-Palestinian voices under the guise of combating antisemitism not only mischaracterizes legitimate criticism of a foreign government but also sets a dangerous precedent of using state power to silence political opposition.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, That the Providence City Council strongly condemns the Trump administration's egregious violations of human rights, judicial authority, and fundamental decency in the treatment of Mahmoud Khalil, Fabian Schmidt, and others who have been wrongfully targeted; and

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, That the Providence City Council demands a full congressional investigation into these gross abuses of power and calls for accountability for all officials involved in the unlawful detention and deportation of legal residents; and

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, That Providence will not be silent in the face of authoritarian overreach and will continue to fight for the rights, dignity, and protections of all immigrants, residents, and professionals contributing to our society; and

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of State, the Rhode Island congressional delegation, the National Lawyers Guild, and the ACLU of Rhode Island, to ensure that these injustices do not go unnoticed and unchallenged.

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 34 through 38 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

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| **RESULT:** | **PASSED [UNANIMOUS]** |
| **MOVER:** | Councilman Espinal |
| **SECONDER:** | Councilwoman Harris |
| **AYES:** | Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Espinal, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 14. |
| **ABSENT:** | Councilman Goncalves – 1. |

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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**COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES AND COUNCILOR ROIAS**

Resolution Honoring the Legacy of Community Leaders through the naming of Baseball Fields at Mount Pleasant Little League.

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 39 and Lay on the Table, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

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| **RESULT:** | **LAID ON TABLE [UNANIMOUS]** |
| **MOVER:** | Councilman Espinal |
| **SECONDER:** | Councilwoman Harris |
| **AYES:** | Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Espinal, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 14. |
| **ABSENT:** | Councilman Goncalves – 1. |

**COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL, COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS**

Resolution Requesting the Traffic Engineer to cause Ponagansett Avenue to be established as a "One-Way" Street, running northerly from Hartford Avenue to Barden Street.

***RESOLVED***, That the Traffic Engineer is requested to cause Ponagansett Avenue to be established as a "One-Way" Street, running northerly from Hartford Avenue to Barden Street.

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 40 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

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| **RESULT:** | **PASSED [UNANIMOUS]** |
| **MOVER:** | Councilman Espinal |
| **SECONDER:** | Councilwoman Harris |
| **AYES:** | Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Espinal, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 14. |
| **ABSENT:** | Councilman Goncalves – 1. |

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

## REPORT(S) FROM COMMITTEE(S)

## COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
## COUNCILWOMAN HELEN D. ANTHONY, Chairwoman

### Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Approved, As Amended:

**COUNCILWOMEN RYAN, PETERSON, GRAVES, COUNCILMAN TAYLOR, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER AND COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**

Resolution Supporting General Assembly legislation allowing the City of Providence a One-Year Levy Cap Exemption for Fiscal Year 2026, to be used as a procedural tool allowing for more flexibility and options as the City seeks to pass a balanced budget this upcoming Spring.

***WHEREAS***: In November 2024, the City of Providence (the City) and the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) settled a long-standing funding dispute regarding the city's contribution to the Providence Public School District (PPSD). This settlement agreement significantly increased the financial obligation of the city to the district for three fiscal years; and

***WHEREAS***: The approved settlement requires the City to provide the PPSD an additional $15 million dollars during Fiscal Year 2025, resulting in the City having to implement a hiring freeze and essential spend to mitigate the cost of the settlement agreement; and

***WHEREAS***: The City in Fiscal Year 2026 will face a significant budget shortfall that will require the city to make difficult financial decisions and increase revenue through tax levy increases beyond the 4% statutory limit; and

***WHEREAS***: Rhode Island General Law § 44-5-2 only allows municipalities to increase their levy by a maximum of 4% each year barring specified conditions; and

***WHEREAS***: A municipality's levy includes tax revenue from residential and commercial property tax and tangible taxes; and

***WHEREAS***: A levy cap exemption is a procedural tool that will allow for increased flexibility as the city administration works to develop a balanced budget; and

***WHEREAS***, The Providence City Council recognizes that the cost of living has increased for residents and is committed to identifying and establishing new sources of revenue to offset the burden to property owners, thereby decreasing our overall dependence on taxation that harshly impacts lower-income people financially; and

***WHEREAS***, Authorization from the General Assembly to increase the levy above 4% does not set a tax rate for the City of Providence; the Providence City Council has the sole authority under the City Charter to vet and approve the Mayor's proposed budget including the City's proposed tax rates.

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***: That the Providence City Council supports the introduction and passage of legislation in the Rhode Island General Assembly that will allow the City of Providence a one-year levy cap exemption for Fiscal Year 2026 with a maximum total levy increase of 8%, to be used as procedural tool allowing for more flexibility in the development and passage of a balanced budget.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***: That the Providence City Council will be deeply circumspect and diligent in seeking and passing a balanced budget not detrimental to those least able to afford increases in taxation and will prioritize new revenue sources and encourages the city administration to be similarly mindful, prioritizing new revenue sources and thoughtful cuts over residential property tax increases.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***: That the Providence City Council is requesting continued partnership with the Rhode Island General Assembly in identifying and passing enabling legislation as necessary to raise revenue from new sources.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***: That upon passages of this resolution, copies will be sent to the Honorable Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives, the Honorable Senate President of the Rhode Island Senate, and the Honorable Governor of the State of Rhode Island.

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 41 and Pass on a Roll Call Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

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| **RESULT:** | **PASSED [UNANIMOUS]** |
| **MOVER:** | Councilman Espinal |
| **SECONDER:** | Councilwoman Harris |
| **AYES:** | Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Espinal, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 14. |
| **ABSENT:** | Councilman Goncalves – 1. |

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILWOMEN HARRIS, GRAVES AND COUNCILOR ROIAS**

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2025 H-5512 and Senate Bill 2025 S-0191, An Act Relating to Taxation - Property Subject to Taxation.

***WHEREAS***, Legislation authorizing the establishment of a Harm Reduction Center in Rhode Island was passed by the Rhode Island General Assembly in 2021; and

***WHEREAS***, In 2023, 404 Rhode Islanders lost their lives due to accidental drug overdoses, with each person who tragically passed representing a cherished friend, neighbor or family member; and

***WHEREAS***, The loss of a loved one to a drug overdose has profound impacts, leaving lasting scars on Rhode Island communities and underscoring the urgent need for comprehensive harm reduction strategies; and

***WHEREAS***, Harm Reduction Centers, also known as "safe consumption sites" or "overdose prevention centers" provide various essential services in one location, including access to food, water and hygiene products; safer use supplies and lifesaving drug overdose medications such as Narcan/Naxolone; case management services, HIV and hepatitis C testing and linkage to care; housing support, and peer recovery coaching among other services; and

***WHEREAS***, Having served nearly 3,500 clients since its flagship opening in 2019, VICTA is a fully integrated healthcare center offering a continuum of services, including prescribing and dispensing medications for opioid and alcohol use disorders and outpatient counseling for substance use, mental health and trauma-related disorders; and

***WHEREAS***, The Rhode Island General Assembly is currently considering House Bill H5512 and Senate Companion Bill S0191, which propose granting a tax-exempt status to Project Weber/Renew's Overdose Prevention Center at 45 Willard Ave in Providence; and

***WHEREAS***, If granted, the financial relief from tax-exempt status would allow Project Weber/Renew to allocate more of their resources towards life-saving programs and services, directly benefitting the Providence Community by reducing overdose-related fatalities and connecting individuals to vital treatment and recovery support services.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, That the Providence City Council hereby expresses its strong support for House Bill 5512 and Senate Bill S0191 and strongly urges the Rhode Island General Assembly and the Governor of Rhode Island to enact this life-saving legislation; and

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, That upon passage of this resolution, copies be sent to lead sponsors Representative Jose Batista and Senator Tiara Mack, the Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives K. Joseph Shekarchi, President of the Rhode Island Senate Dominick Ruggerio, and the members of the Providence Delegation to express the strong support for H5512 and S0191.

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## SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, OPPORTUNITY, PROSPERITY AND EDUCATION (HOPE), COUNCILOR JUAN M. PICHARDO, Chair

**Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Approved, As Amended:**

**COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, PETERSON, COUNCILORS PICHARDO, ROIAS, COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS, COUNCILMEN VARGAS, ESPINAL AND COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**

Resolution Requesting to keep Hasbro, Inc. Headquarters in Rhode Island.

***WHEREAS***, Hasbro, Inc. has been a cornerstone of Rhode Island's business community, having grown from its roots as a small family business into one of the world's largest toy companies and a global leader in entertainment and gaming; and

***WHEREAS***, Hasbro's presence in Rhode Island has provided significant economic benefits, including job creation and contributions to the state's cultural and philanthropic landscape; and

***WHEREAS***, Hasbro's continued operation in Rhode Island is vital to the state's economic prosperity and its identity as a hub for creativity and innovation; and

***WHEREAS***, Keeping Hasbro's headquarters in Rhode Island would benefit its employees, the company, and the communities it serves; and

***WHEREAS***, A collaborative effort among state and local leaders, businesses, and stakeholders is essential to ensuring Hasbro remains in Rhode Island, recognizing the positive impact this would have on Providence and the entire state.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED***, That the Providence City Council strongly urges Hasbro, Inc. to keep its headquarters in Rhode Island and affirms its commitment to working with state and local leaders, businesses, and stakeholders to provide the necessary support and incentives to make this possible; and

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, That the City Council recognizes the historical and cultural significance of Hasbro to Rhode Island and pledges to collaborate with Hasbro's leadership to explore opportunities that will strengthen its ties to the state and support its growth and success; and

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED***, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the leadership of Hasbro, Inc., the offices of Governor Daniel McKee, Mayor Brett Smiley, Speaker of the House Joseph Shekarchi, and Senate President Dominick Ruggerio as a demonstration of the City Council's commitment to keeping Hasbro in Rhode Island.

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 42 and 43 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

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| **RESULT:** | **PASSED [UNANIMOUS]** |
| **MOVER:** | Councilman Espinal |
| **SECONDER:** | Councilwoman Harris |
| **AYES:** | Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Espinal, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 14. |
| **ABSENT:** | Councilman Goncalves – 1. |

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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**COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILMAN ESPINAL AND COUNCILOR ROIAS**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 23, "Streets, Sidewalks, and Public Places", Article I, "In General" of the Providence Code of Ordinances to add Section 23-38 "Camping On Public Property".

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 44 and Pass for the First Time on a Roll Call Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

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| **RESULT:** | **READ/PASSED FOR THE FIRST TIME [10 TO 2]** |
| **MOVER:** | Councilman Espinal |
| **SECONDER:** | Councilwoman Harris |
| **AYES:** | Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Espinal, Councilwomen Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Sanchez and Councilwoman Vargas – 10. |
| **NAYS:** | Councilwoman Graves and Councilman Taylor – 2. |
| **ABSTAIN:** | Councilwoman Ryan and Councilman Vargas – 2. |
| **ABSENT:** | Councilman Goncalves – 1. |

**The Motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.**

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# FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

Ivan Boldewskul (25-062)
Steven H. Del Sesto (25-063)
Julio Adorno, Jr. (25-064)
Melissa Mozzone
(Robert J. Levine, Esquire) (25-065)
Progressive Direct Insurance Company
a/s/o Melanie M. Borges (25-066)
Charlann Walker (25-067)
Estate of Christopher Jannitto
(Christina M. Offenberg, Esquire) (25-068)
Ahmet Sozer (25-069)
Eduardo Abreu (25-070)
Gioconda Rodriguez & Joanna Ortega
(Evan M. Kirshenbaum, Esquire) (25-071)
Leah Iannuccilli
(Thomas E. Badway, Esquire) (25-072)
Samantha Caldwell (25-073)
Anthony C. Lipscomb (25-074)
Arbella Mutual Insurance Company
a/s/o Soniguida Dossantos (25-075)
Foremost Insurance Group
a/s/o James Trivisonno (25-076)
Joanna Ortega (25-077)
Lisa Vota (25-078)
Guy T. Benoit (25-079)
Matthew Touchette (25-080)

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| **RESULT:** | **REFERRED** |
| **TO:** | Committee on Claims and Pending Suits |

## COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Communication from James J. Lombardi, III, Chairman of the Retirement Board Employees' Retirement System, dated March 12, 2025, submitting the Providence Annual Actuarial Report as of July 1, 2024, presented to the Providence Board of Employees' Retirement System on March 12, 2025, by our actuarial firm Bolton Partners, Inc.

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Report from Matilda Pines, LLC, 47 Matilda Street, Unit A, Providence, Rhode Island 02904, submitting the Annual Tax Stabilization Report FY2024.

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| **RESULT:** | **RECEIVED** |

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of items 45 through 47, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 45 to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits and Receives items 46 and 47.**

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### PERSONAL EXPRESSION

**COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON** Requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a Point of Personal Expression and states:

"Thank you. Councilman Vargas had mentioned the pallet shelters and I just wanted to take a quick moment to thank the staff at House of Hope for the wonderful job that they're doing over at the pallet shelters. I drive by every single day and see the success of the program and what's being done over there. The team over at House of Hope deserves a lot of acknowledgment for the work that they're doing day in and day out and I just want to make sure that we as a body convey that same message of solidarity and support to them."

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**COUNCILOR ROIAS** Requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a Point of Personal Expression and states:

"Before we close, I just want to thank our Clerks for the time you've invested in this agenda tonight, our policy staff of course my colleagues and the folks here tonight."

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**COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES** Requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a Point of Personal Expression and states:

"I just want to recognize someone we lost, Darrell Lee. He was a great community person, he worked tirelessly to try to improve housing and try to improve health and all these other things. I unfortunately was not feeling up to par yesterday so I could not attend the funeral, but I just want us to remember him and just recognize all the things that he did. The one thing that he wanted to do for years and never achieved was he wanted to build a health center/gym for men of color, because unfortunately, men of color do not get the health care that they should. Some of it, they just don't go and some of it is they're not treated well when they do go. So, I hope someone takes up that banner and runs with it and see it through. He lost his life at early age, well early to me you know he died at 67. I'm much older than him and his brother had also passed away from cancer. So, I just really and truly hope that we realize that there are people out there that unfortunately never get to see their dreams but that doesn't mean that the dream has to falter and die. Someone else should be able to pick it up and carry it also, and I would like to just a little clip. I have to breath on this one. Swing low, sweet chariot coming for to carry me home swing low, sweet chariot coming for to carry me home. If you get there before I do come for to carry me home. Tell all my friends I'm coming too. Coming for to carry me home. Swing low, sweet chariot coming for to carry me home. Swing low, sweet chariot coming for to carry me home." Rest in Peace Darrell. Thank you."

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**COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS** Requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a Point of Personal Expression and states:

"I want to say is my condolence for the family, because I know that I leave for many years, because we're doing so many things for the community and working for that and also he went to my church to serve over there too, to help the people. That's all I say my condolence for the family."

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# PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS
# "IN CONGRATULATIONS"

## COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Resolution Extending Congratulations.

RESOLVED, that the Members of the City Council hereby extend their Sincere Congratulations to the following:

Dwayne Keys, in recognition of being the recipient of the Leadership Impact Award at the 5th Annual Juneteenth RI Awards Gala.

Sharon Morris, in recognition of being the recipient of the Visionary Leadership Award at the 5th Annual Juneteenth RI Awards Gala.

Kamilah A'Vant, in recognition of being the recipient of the PRISM Award at the 5th Annual Juneteenth RI Awards Gala.

Rose Weaver, in recognition of being the recipient of the Excellence in Arts Award at the 5th Annual Juneteenth RI Awards Gala.

Vincent Mann, in recognition of being the recipient of the Outstanding Business Award at the 5th Annual Juneteenth RI Awards Gala.

Barbara Morse, in recognition of being the recipient of the Distinguished Mentor Award at the 5th Annual Juneteenth RI Awards Gala.

Richard Norris, in recognition of being the recipient of the Transforming Lives Award at the 5th Annual Juneteenth RI Awards Gala.

Milou Rodrigues, in recognition of being the recipient of the Humanitarian Award at the 5th Annual Juneteenth RI Awards Gala.

Corey Brown, in recognition of being the recipient of the Community Impact Award at the 5th Annual Juneteenth RI Awards Gala.

Juan Rodriguez, in recognition of being the recipient of the Innovation Award at the 5th Annual Juneteenth RI Awards Gala.

Carolyn Belisle, in recognition of being the recipient of the Change Maker Award at the 5th Annual Juneteenth RI Awards Gala.

Dr. Andres Brito, in recognition of the opening of your business Ascend Chiropractic Clinics. Wishing you well!

Joe Migliaccio, Director, Department of Telecommunications, in recognition of the celebration of your retirement after 23 years of dedicated service to the City of Providence.

Zoila Toribio, en reconocimiento de la celebración de sus 77 años el día 25 de febrero. ¡Feliz Cumpleaños!

Altagracia Rosario, en reconocimiento de su liderazgo y extraordinarias contribuciones a favor de el desarrollo integral de las mujeres y familias de nuestra comunidad, y por su compromiso con la excelencia en el cuidado y servicio en todo lo que hace. El Ministerio de Mujeres de Iglesia Visión Evangélica le reconoce como Mujer de Excelencia.

Luz Leyva, en reconocimiento de su liderazgo y extraordinarias contribuciones a favor de el desarrollo integral de las mujeres y familias de nuestra comunidad, y por su compromiso con la excelencia en el cuidado y servicio en todo lo que hace. El Ministerio de Mujeres de Iglesia Visión Evangélica le reconoce como Mujer de Excelencia.

Nauel Howley, en reconocimiento de su liderazgo y extraordinarias contribuciones a favor de el desarrollo integral de las mujeres y familias de nuestra comunidad, y por su compromiso con la excelencia en el cuidado y servicio en todo lo que hace. El Ministerio de Mujeres de Iglesia Visión Evangélica le reconoce como Mujer de Excelencia.

Pastora Radeysi Mercedes, en reconocimiento de su liderazgo y extraordinarias contribuciones a favor de el desarrollo integral de las mujeres y familias de nuestra comunidad, y por su compromiso con la excelencia en el cuidado y servicio en todo lo que hace. El Ministerio de Mujeres de Iglesia Visión Evangélica le reconoce como Mujer de Excelencia.

Sagrario Vargas, en reconocimiento de su liderazgo y extraordinarias contribuciones a favor de el desarrollo integral de las mujeres y familias de nuestra comunidad, y por su compromiso con la excelencia en el cuidado y servicio en todo lo que hace. El Ministerio de Mujeres de Iglesia Visión Evangélica le reconoce como Mujer de Excelencia.

Yocaira Sosa de Mejias, en reconocimiento de su liderazgo y extraordinarias contribuciones a favor de el desarrollo integral de las mujeres y familias de nuestra comunidad, y por su compromiso con la excelencia en el cuidado y servicio en todo lo que hace. El Ministerio de Mujeres de Iglesia Visión Evangélica le reconoce como Mujer de Excelencia.

Nancy Ramirez, en reconocimiento de su liderazgo y extraordinarias contribuciones a favor de el desarrollo integral de las mujeres y familias de nuestra comunidad, y por su compromiso con la excelencia en el cuidado y servicio en todo lo que hace. El Ministerio de Mujeres de Iglesia Visión Evangélica le reconoce como Mujer de Excelencia.

Minister Loretta Thornton, in recognition of being recognized at the Shekinah Family Worship Center Women's History Month Celebration for your outstanding service, leadership and dedication to the empowerment of women, uplifting communities and advancing faith-based initiatives, your selfless devotion and tireless efforts continue to inspire, motivate and uplift women of all backgrounds, making a lasting impact within the Faith community and beyond.

Mother Linda Lema, in recognition of being recognized at the Shekinah Family Worship Center Women's History Month Celebration for your selflessness, kindness, and leadership that has touched many lives, your empowerment of women and families in your faith community has made you an example to follow.

Mother Delores Norman, in recognition of being recognized at the Shekinah Family Worship Center Women's History Month Celebration for your selflessness, kindness, and leadership that has touched many lives, your empowerment of women and families in your faith community has made you an example to follow.

Mother Pauline Jones, in recognition of being recognized at the Shekinah Family Worship Center Women's History Month Celebration for your selflessness, kindness, and leadership that has touched many lives, your empowerment of women and families in your faith community has made you an example to follow.

Sister Phyliss Mcqueary, in recognition of being recognized at the Shekinah Family Worship Center Women's History Month Celebration for your selflessness, kindness, and leadership that has touched many lives, your empowerment of women and families in your faith community has made you an example to follow.

Minister Carol Pereria, in recognition of being recognized at the Shekinah Family Worship Center Women's History Month Celebration for your selflessness, kindness, and leadership that has touched many lives, your empowerment of women and families in your faith community has made you an example to follow.

Minister Sherry Washington, in recognition of being recognized at the Shekinah Family Worship Center Women's History Month Celebration for your selflessness, kindness, and leadership that has touched many lives, your empowerment of women and families in your faith community has made you an example to follow.

Minister in Training Charlene Williams, in recognition of being recognized at the Shekinah Family Worship Center Women's History Month Celebration for your selflessness, kindness, and leadership that has touched many lives, your empowerment of women and families in your faith community has made you an example to follow.

Deaconess in Training Rosalind Thompson, in recognition of being recognized at the Shekinah Family Worship Center Women's History Month Celebration for your selflessness, kindness, and leadership that has touched many lives, your empowerment of women and families in your faith community has made you an example to follow.

Minister in Training Thea Fielding-Lowe, in recognition of being recognized at the Shekinah Family Worship Center Women's History Month Celebration for your selflessness, kindness, and leadership that has touched many lives, your empowerment of women and families in your faith community has made you an example to follow.

Minister Jacqueline Manè, in recognition of being recognized at the Shekinah Family Worship Center Women's History Month Celebration for your selflessness, kindness, and leadership that has touched many lives, your empowerment of women and families in your faith community has made you an example to follow.

Minister Valencia Friend, in recognition of being recognized at the Shekinah Family Worship Center Women's History Month Celebration for your selflessness, kindness, and leadership that has touched many lives, your empowerment of women and families in your faith community has made you an example to follow.

Sister Tanisha Spruill-Dennis, in recognition of being recognized at the Shekinah Family Worship Center Women's History Month Celebration for your selflessness, kindness, and leadership that has touched many lives, your empowerment of women and families in your faith community has made you an example to follow.

Bishop, Pastor Sandra V. Miller, in recognition of being recognized at the Shekinah Family Worship Center Women's History Month Celebration for your selflessness, kindness, and leadership that has touched many lives, your empowerment of women and families in your faith community has made you an example to follow.

Mother Mary Russell, in recognition of being recognized at the Shekinah Family Worship Center Women's History Month Celebration for your selflessness, kindness, and leadership that has touched many lives, your empowerment of women and families in your faith community has made you an example to follow.

Sister Sharee Harley, in recognition of being recognized at the Shekinah Family Worship Center Women's History Month Celebration for your selflessness, kindness, and leadership that has touched many lives, your empowerment of women and families in your faith community has made you an example to follow.

Sister Daveena Burney, in recognition of being recognized at the Shekinah Family Worship Center Women's History Month Celebration for your selflessness, kindness, and leadership that has touched many lives, your empowerment of women and families in your faith community has made you an example to follow.

The Rhode Island Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, in recognition of the celebration of your Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Friday, March 21, 2025.

Armani Rodriguez, in recognition of achieving the Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout of Honor and for making the community a better place.

The Nonviolence Institute, in recognition of being the recipient of the Community Partnership Award at the Providence Police Community Foundation Gala, and your significant contributions in improving the community building positive relationships and supporting initiatives that enhance public safety and well-being.

Dr. Wayne Montague, in recognition of being the recipient of the Partnership for Safety Citizen Award at the Providence Police Community Foundation Gala, and for your exceptional contribution to the Providence Police Department in significantly aiding in the strengthening of community relationships and fostering a spirit of collaboration and trust, your efforts have played a key role in enhancing the connection between the police and the community you serve.

Steve Nelson, Senior Assistant City Solicitor, City of Providence, Law Department, in recognition of being the recipient of the Justice and Public Safety Partnership Award at the Providence Police Community Foundation Gala, and for your exceptional dedication, legal expertise and unwavering commitment to fostering collaboration between your office and the Providence Police Department.

Officer Jenna Heeder, Providence Police Department, in recognition of being the recipient of the Lifesaving Actions Award at the Providence Police Community Foundation Gala, and for your swift response and decisive life-saving actions directly resulting in preserving the life of an individual, through your exceptional skill, dedication and commitment to duty you have exemplified the highest standards of service and valor.

Officer Jose Deschamps, Providence Police Department, in recognition of being the recipient of the Compassion in Service Award at the Providence Police Community Foundation Gala, and for your demonstration of exceptional empathy and care towards others in your service delivery, going above and beyond to understand and address the needs of the community and public with genuine concern and kindness, effectively easing the suffering and providing support.

Officer Darrin Anderson, Providence Police Department, in recognition of being the recipient of the Compassion in Service Award at the Providence Police Community Foundation Gala, and for your demonstration of exceptional empathy and care towards others in your service delivery, going above and beyond to understand and address the needs of the community and public with genuine concern and kindness, effectively easing the suffering and providing support.

Officer Andrew Calle, Providence Police Department, in recognition of being the recipient of the Compassion in Service Award at the Providence Police Community Foundation Gala, and for your demonstration of exceptional empathy and care towards others in your service delivery, going above and beyond to understand and address the needs of the community and public with genuine concern and kindness, effectively easing the suffering and providing support.

Officer David Carias, Providence Police Department, in recognition of being the recipient of the Composure and Leadership Distinction Award at the Providence Police Community Foundation Gala, and for your exceptional ability to remain calm, professional and in control during a challenging and high-profile encounter.

Officer Dondre Dacosta, Providence Police Department, in recognition of being the recipient of the Composure and Leadership Distinction Award at the Providence Police Community Foundation Gala, and for your exceptional ability to remain calm, professional and in control during a challenging and high-profile encounter.

Detective Alicia Hersperger, Providence Police Department, in recognition of being the recipient of the Detective Service to the Community Award at the Providence Police Community Foundation Gala, and for your exceptional dedication to protecting and serving the community through your investigative work, leadership and commitment to public safety.

Sergeant Brian Murphy, Providence Police Department, in recognition of being the recipient of the Guardian of the City Award at the Providence Police Community Foundation Gala, and for your tenacity and selflessness in the face of tough situations and your consistent commitment to community policing and demonstration of proactive policing.

Ronald DeSiderato, Jr., in recognition of being the Keynote Speaker at the St. Joseph's Day Celebration at Providence City Hall on Wednesday, March 19, 2025.
Italo-American Club of Rhode Island, in recognition of your participation at the St. Joseph's Day Celebration at Providence City Hall on Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

The Grand Lodge of Rhode Island Sons and Daughters of Italy, in recognition of your participation at the St. Joseph's Day Celebration at Providence City Hall on Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

Loggia Piave #364 Sons and Daughters of Italy, in recognition of your participation at the St. Joseph's Day Celebration at Providence City Hall on Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

Madonna Del Rosario Society, in recognition of your participation at the St. Joseph's Day Celebration at Providence City Hall on Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

Verrazzano Day Observance Committee, in recognition of your participation at the St. Joseph's Day Celebration at Providence City Hall on Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

Pannese Society, in recognition of your participation at the St. Joseph's Day Celebration at Providence City Hall on Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

Young Pannese Society, in recognition of your participation at the St. Joseph's Day Celebration at Providence City Hall on Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

St. Bartholomew Social Club, in recognition of your participation at the St. Joseph's Day Celebration at Providence City Hall on Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

St. Bartholomew Men's Society, in recognition of your participation at the St. Joseph's Day Celebration at Providence City Hall on Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

St. Anthony's Society, in recognition of your participation at the St. Joseph's Day Celebration at Providence City Hall on Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

Federal Hill Merchants Association, in recognition of your participation at the St. Joseph's Day Celebration at Providence City Hall on Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

Rhode Island Italian American Hall of Fame, in recognition of your participation at the St. Joseph's Day Celebration at Providence City Hall on Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

Fire Lieutenant Joseph E. Desmarais, Ladder Company 6, Group "B", Providence Fire Department, in recognition of the celebration of your retirement after 24 years of dedicated service to the City of Providence.

Ditra Edwards, in recognition of the celebration of your 60th Birthday on March 21, 2025, and thank you for all your hard work and effort in changing Black Maternal Health!

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 48 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

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| **RESULT:** | **PASSED [UNANIMOUS]** |
| **MOVER:** | Councilman Espinal |
| **SECONDER:** | Councilwoman Harris |
| **AYES:** | Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Espinal, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 14. |
| **ABSENT:** | Councilman Goncalves – 1. |

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

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## PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS "IN MEMORIAM"

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Resolution Extending Sympathy.

RESOLVED, That the Members of the City Council hereby extend their Sincere Sympathy to the families of the following:

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Richard Waterman Nagle, Jr.

**COUNCILMAN ESPINAL Moves to Waive the Reading of item 49 and Pass on a Unanimous Rising Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

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| **RESULT:** | **PASSED [UNANIMOUS]** |
| **MOVER:** | Councilman Espinal |
| **SECONDER:** | Councilwoman Harris |
| **AYES:** | Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilman Espinal, Councilwomen Graves, Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 14. |
| **ABSENT:** | Councilman Goncalves – 1. |

**The Motion for Passage is Sustained.**

## CONVENTION

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN ESPINAL,** Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS,** it is voted to adjourn in memory of Polibio "Papito" Mora and Darrell Lee at 7:44 o'clock P.M., to meet again **THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025 at 6:00 o'clock P.M.**

Tina L. Mastroianni

**TINA L. MASTROIANNI**
**CITY CLERK**

***This meeting was live streamed and the recording is available on our YouTube Channel:*** **https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5OoFo86b3WA&t=434s**

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