

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 512

Approved August 7, 2012

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2012, the 2012 Charter Review Commission submitted its report and recommended amendments to the Providence Home Rule Charter to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council accepted the 2012 Charter Review Commission Report on June 21, 2012, and referred it to the Committee on Ordinances for consideration;

WHEREAS, the City Council Committee on Ordinances conducted a public hearing on July 26, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the City Council Committee on Ordinances considered various aspects of the 2012 Charter Review Commission Report and the recommendations therein, as well as additional proposed Charter amendments, and adopted certain of the recommendations on July 26, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the various amendments to the Providence Home Rule Charter adopted by the City Council Committee on Ordinances must be transmitted to the Rhode Island Secretary of State no later than August 8, 2012 in order to appear on the ballot for the General Election to be held in November 2012;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, DECREED AND ORDERED:

That the following ballot question be submitted to the Rhode Island Secretary of State, as adopted on _____, 2012:

Shall the qualifications for the director of the department of public property be a bachelor's degree, or a minimum of five (5) years of experience in the field, with preference to be given to a person with a bachelor's degree? [Amends section 1006]

Shall the qualifications for the director of the department of public property be a bachelor's degree, or a minimum of five (5) years of experience in the field, with preference to be given to a person with a bachelor's degree? [Amends section 1006]

The proposed amendment regarding the required qualifications for the director of the department of public property would permit the hiring of a person who has either five years of work experience or a college degree. The amendment requires that preference be given to a candidate with a college degree.


1006. Department of public property.

There shall be a department of public property, the head of which shall be the director of public property, who shall be a person holding at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, or who shall have had a minimum of five (5) years of experience in the supervision of a centralized system for purchase, distribution and inventory of supplies, or supervision of building maintenance, or equivalent training or experience.


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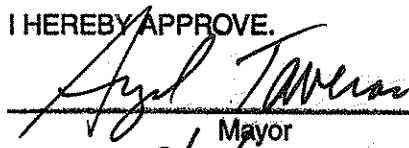


PRES.



CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.



Mayor

Date: 8/7/12

OUTLINE OF COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS

The following is a summary outline of the amendments recommended by the Commission:

1. Adds a statement of intent of the city's government, including protecting the health, welfare, safety and financial well-being of the resident, and enables the elected officers to take such actions as they deem necessary for same. (Article I).
2. Allows the city to publicize electronically instead of in a newspaper, minimizing the expenditure of funds on costly publication. (Article I)
3. Recommends the inclusion of city councilors elected at-large and offers two options to accomplish this. (Article II).
4. Clarifies the procedures for acquisition and sale of city property, and enunciates the city's policy to promote minority and women's enterprise programs. (Article IV).
5. Codifies duties of the City Solicitor not currently provided for in the Charter, and permits the Solicitor to hire legal staff according to the needs of the Office. (Article VI).
6. Amends the budget and finance procedures to, among other things, establish a budget reserve fund and a method for financing that fund. Defines and qualifies the manner in which the funds may be used and must be reported. (Article VIII).
7. Renames the "Personnel Department" as the "Human Resources Department," amends some of the responsibilities of that office in accordance with current practice, and clarifies the procedure for suspending, disciplining, or discharging employees. (Article IX).
8. Adds the mayor and internal auditor as members of the Retirement Board. (Article IX).
9. Places the newly established Public Emergency Management Agency and Homeland Security Department ("PEMA") under the jurisdiction of the Commission of Public Safety. (Article X).
10. Changes the qualifications for the director of public property. (Article XI).
11. Establishes the Department of Arts, Culture and Tourism and Culture as a department defined by charter, while maintaining the same duties and responsibilities contained in its governing ordinance. (Article X).
12. Limits individuals from serving more than two consecutive terms as chair of a board, authority or commission, and prohibits the mayor, city council and department heads from influencing the hiring of a family member or business associate. (Article XII).
13. Affords future charter review commissions additional time to review and propose amendments to the charter. (Article XIII).