

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.



IN CITY COUNCIL

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APPROVED:

James L. Mathias

CLERK

CITY COUNCIL

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

No. 13 City Council Regular Council Meeting, Thursday, May 16, 2024, 6:00 o'clock P.M.

PRESIDING

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

RACHEL M. MILLER

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS, COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN HARRIS, PETERSON, COUNCILOR PICHARDO, , COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCILMAN TAYLOR, COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS – 13.

ABSENT: COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES AND COUNCILOR ROIAS – 2.

ALSO PRESENT: TINA L. MASTROIANNI, CITY CLERK, SHERI A. PETRONIO, FIRST DEPUTY CITY CLERK, ANGELA J. HARRIS, FIRST DEPUTY CITY CLERK, NAPOLEON ASKIE, CITY SERGEANT AND JEFFREY DANA, CITY SOLICITOR

(SUBSEQUENTLY, COUNCILOR ROIAS JOINS THE MEETING.)

INVOCATION

The Invocation is given by **COUNCILMAN JOHN GONCALVES**.

"Heavenly Father, we come before you today with humble hearts asking for your divine gift of empathy to our work here in the City of Providence. We ask that your guidance flow through our beloved city and help us to make the world through each other's eyes a better place. To feel the burdens and the injustices that people feel in our city every day, to help guide us as we think about our neighbors with compassion and understanding in every interaction and everything that we do to move our beloved city forward. May our actions reflect your grace, bringing healing and empathy and unity to all who call our city home. Amen."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COUNCILWOMAN JO-ANN RYAN Leads the Members of the City Council and the Assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

PERSONAL EXPRESSION

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

"Councilors, if you would allow me just a couple of minutes of time before we get started on the work of the city. It is my great honor and privilege to stand before today to recognize the incredible efforts and achievements of the Beat the Streets Girls Program here in our beautiful City of Providence. The Beat the Streets Organization is committed to inspiring Urban Youth for success in school and life through the vehicle of co-educational wrestling. Using this sport to instill values of discipline, resilience and community in our youth. Today, I would like to shine a special spotlight on the girl's program which has been nothing short of transformative. This particular program provides a safe supportive and empowering environment for young women to develop not only their athletic skills but also their leadership abilities and their self-confidence. Through wrestling, these young athletes learn the importance of perseverance, teamwork and dedication. Lessons that will serve them well both on and off the mat. In Providence Beat the Streets is immeasurable and this program fosters a sense of belonging and purpose among its participants offering them a positive outlet and a strong support network. It has helped to break down barriers, challenge stereotypes and pave the way for a new generation of strong confident women who are ready to take on the world. To the coaches, mentors and volunteers who invest their time energy and hearts into this program, your dedication and passion are the driving forces behind its success. Our heartfelt thank you for everything that you do. To the young women in this program we celebrate you today, your hard work determination inspire us all. You remind me of the incredible potential within each of us and the power of sports for youth in our community. This program empowers these young ladies through leadership and wrestling breaking down stereotypes in the sport and the fight for equality in wrestling, society and life.

As girls wrestling really is growing at a rapid pace in Rhode Island and throughout the United States, I just wanted to thank the state and everyone as a whole for providing these events for these young ladies to showcase their skills. Thank you to Beat the Streets again for your commitment to our youth and for making such a positive impact on the City of Providence. We look forward to witnessing your continued success and the remarkable achievements of the young women you empower. Before I finish I just wanted to take a minute to recognize individually the young ladies that are here. This program is for young women ages thirteen to eighteen. So, we see a span of middle school students and high school students throughout our public schools in Providence and I'm just really proud of the work that's put in and they deserve all the merits for all of their really hard work and success. So, ladies, when I call your name can you please just stand up. I am just going to recognize you, the school that you're in and the championships that you've won.

Dahnja Nicholson, Gilbert Sturt Middle School, State Champ and received also All-State and All New England.

Yasmin Bido, Competes for Hope High School but she attends E-Cubed and she is a State Finalist in the Championships.

Serenity Retana, Nathanael Greene Middle School, State Champ and also All New England.

Emilee Maldonado, Mount Pleasant High School and is All State.

Gabriela Sarceno, Mount Pleasant High School All State.

Jezabel Ortiz, Esek Hopkins Middle School, State Champ and a New England Finalist.

Brooklyn Taylor, Esek Hopkins Middle School, State Champ and All New England.

Zakiya Mian, West Broadway Middle School, State Champ, New England's Regional Champ.

Aydin Alvarez, Esek Hopkins Middle School, State Champ and All New England.

Vanessa Sen, Mount Pleasant High School State Champ.

Ladies, I want you to stand up so that we can recognize you all together. Thank you very much for what you do for our communities.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Journal of Proceedings No. 12 of the Regular Meeting of the City Council held May 2, 2024.

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

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

APPOINTMENTS BY HIS HONOR THE MAYOR

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated May 10, 2024, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 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 **Hamid Akinfolarin** of 616 Charles Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02904, as a member of the **Human Relations Commission** for a term to expire on January 31, 2025, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Mr. Akinfolarin replaces Mr. Murray who has resigned).

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated May 10, 2024, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 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 re-appointing **Larome Myrick** of 12 Eagle Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, as a member of the **Human Relations Commission** for a term to expire on January 31, 2027, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of items 4 and 5, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers items 4 and 5 to the Committee on Finance.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

ORDINANCE(S) SECOND READING

The Following Ordinances were in City Council May 2, 2024, Read and Passed the First Time and are Severally Returned for Passage the Second Time:

COUNCILOR PICHARDO, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCILMAN VARGAS AND COUNCILOR ROIAS

An Ordinance in Amendment of Ordinance Chapter 2022-25, No. 201, Approved June 2, 2022, Entitled: "An Ordinance Apportioning the Fifteen Wards", As Amended.

SECTION 1. Section 204 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

The City of Providence is hereby apportioned into fifteen wards and five school board regions in accordance with Section 204 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as approved by the Electors of the City of Providence at the General Election held November 4, 1980 and validated by the General Assembly on May 7, 1981.

FIRST WARD

The First Ward of the City of Providence shall consist of all that part of the City bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of Henderson Expy and the Providence - East Providence Boundary line; thence West on Henderson Expy; thence North on River Dr; thence West on Angell St; thence South on Brook St; thence West on Waterman St; thence South on Thayer St; thence West on Charlesfield St; thence South on Brown St; thence West on Power St; thence Northwest on S Main St; thence Northwest on N Main St; thence West on Park Row; thence Southeast on the Mosshasuck river; thence Southwest on Steeple St; thence west on Memorial Blvd; thence South on I- 95; thence Northeast on I- 195; thence southeasterly on Providence River; thence northeasterly on the Providence - East Providence boundary line to the point of beginning.

SECOND WARD

The Second Ward of the City of Providence shall consist of all that part of the City bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of Power St and S Main St; thence East on Power St; thence North on Brown St; thence East on Charlesfield St; thence North on Thayer St; thence East on Waterman St; thence North on Brook St; thence East on Angell St; thence South on River Dr; thence East on Henderson Expy; thence North on the Providence - East Providence border; thence west on the Providence - Pawtucket border; thence South on Hope St; thence Southeast on Blackstone Blvd; thence Southwest on North Ave; thence South on Hope St; thence East on 8th St; thence Southeast on Winfield Rd; thence Southwest on Lorimer Ave; thence East on Rochambeau Ave; thence South on Elmgrove Ave; thence West on Doyle Ave; thence North on Taber Ave; thence West on Emeline St; thence South on Morris Ave; thence West on Olney St; thence South on N Main St; thence South on Benefit St; thence West on Meeting St; thence South on N Main St; thence Southeast on S Main St to the point of beginning.

THIRD WARD

The Third Ward of the City of Providence shall consist of all that part of the City bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of Smith St and the Mosshasuck River; thence South on the Mosshasuck River; thence East on Park Row; thence South on N Main St; thence East on Meeting St; thence North on Benefit St; thence North on N Main St; thence East on Olney St; thence North on Morris Ave; thence East on Emeline St; thence South on Taber Ave; thence East on Doyle Ave; thence North on Elmgrove Ave; thence West on Rochambeau Ave; thence North on Lorimer Ave; thence Northwest on Winfield Rd; thence West on 8th St; thence North on Hope St; thence Northeast on North Ave; thence Northwest on Blackstone Blvd; thence North on Hope St; thence West on the Providence - Pawtucket boundary line; thence Southwest on I- 95; thence Southeast on New York, New Haven and Hartford RR; thence East on Smith St to the point of beginning.

FOURTH WARD

The Fourth Ward of the City of Providence shall consist of all that part of the City bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of Douglas Ave and I - 95; thence Northeast on I- 95; thence West on the Providence - Pawtucket Boundary line; thence continue on the Providence - North Providence boundary line; thence Southeast on Douglas Ave; thence East on Concannon St; thence North on Moy St; thence East on Branch Ave; thence South on Louississet Pike; thence Southwest on the eastern boundary of Corliss Park and Mansion Park; thence South on Corina St, thence Southeast on Appian St; thence Southwest on Corina St; thence Southeast on Douglas Ave; thence Northeast on Berkshire St; thence Southeast on March St; thence Northeast on Chad Brown St; thence Southeast on the southern boundary of census block 440070027003019; thence Southwest on Fillmore St; thence Southeast on Douglas Ave; thence Northeast on Chalkstone Ave; thence South on N Davis St; thence East on Douglas Ave to the point of beginning.

FIFTH WARD

The Fifth Ward of the City of Providence shall consist of all that part of the City bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of Chalkstone Ave and Leah St; thence East on Chalkstone Ave; thence Northwest on Rosebank Ave; thence Northeast on Pleasant Valley Pkwy; thence Northwest on Convent St; thence Northeast on Maude St; thence Northwest on Smith St; thence North on Tyndall Ave; thence West on Eaton St; thence South on River Ave; thence Northwest on Smith St; thence North on Enfield Ave; thence West on Isabella Ave; thence North on Gentian Ave; thence East on Texas Ave; thence Northwest on Admiral St; thence Southwest on the Providence - North Providence boundary line; thence continue on the Providence - Johnston boundary line; thence Northeast on Manton Ave; thence East on Chalkstone Ave to the point of beginning.

SIXTH WARD

The Sixth Ward of the City of Providence shall consist of all that part of the City bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of the Providence - Johnston boundary line and the Woonasquatucket river; thence Northwest on the Providence - Johnston boundary line; thence Northeast on Manton Ave; thence east on Chalkstone Ave; thence South on Bergen St; thence West on Regent Ave; thence South on Huron St; thence West on the Northern boundary of census block 440070022003006; thence South on Academy Ave; thence West on Atwells Ave; thence South on Putnam St; thence West on Amherst St; thence Northwest on Manton Ave; thence Southwest on Salmon St, continuing on the western boundary of census block 440070019003001; thence east on Hwy 6; thence Southerly, Westerly, and Northwesterly on the Woonasquatucket river to the point of beginning.

SEVENTH WARD

The Seventh Ward of the City of Providence shall consist of all that part of the City bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of the Providence - Cranston boundary line and Terrace Ave; thence North on Terrace Ave; thence West on Shafter St; thence North on Laurel Hill Ave; thence East on Plainfield St; thence North on Webster Ave; thence East on Eastwood Ave; thence South on Heath St; thence East on Laban St; thence Northeast on Plainfield St; thence Northwest on US Hwy 6; thence Southerly, Westerly, and Northwesterly on the Woonasquatucket river; thence Westerly, Southerly, and Easterly on the Providence - Johnston boundary line to the point of beginning.

EIGHTH WARD

The Eighth Ward of the City of Providence shall consist of all that part of the City bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of the onramp of State Route 10 and Park Ave; thence North on State Rte 10; thence North on Elmwood Ave; thence South on Reservoir Ave; thence Northwest on Amtrak railroad; thence Northeast on the eastern boundary of census block 440070014004026; thence Southeast on Huntington Ave; thence East on Carter St; thence North on Bucklin St; thence North on Dexter St; thence West on Sprague St; thence North on Diamond St; thence West on Hollis St; thence North on Parade St; thence West on Chapin Ave; thence South on Messer St; thence West on Union Ave; thence South on State Rte 10; thence Southerly, Easterly, and Southeasterly on Providence - Cranston boundary line to the point of beginning.

NINTH WARD

The Ninth Ward of the City of Providence shall consist of all that part of the City bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of the onramp of State Route 10 and Park Ave; thence Easterly and Northerly on the Providence - Cranston boundary line; thence West on Montgomery Ave; thence northwest on F C Greene Memorial Blvd; thence Northeast on Hawthorne Ave; thence Northwest on Broad St; thence West on Plenty St; thence West on Bellevue Ave; thence South on Bucklin St; thence West on Carter St; thence Northwest on Huntington Ave; thence Southwest on the eastern boundary of census block 440070014004026; thence Southeast on Amtrak railroad; thence North on Reservoir Ave; thence Southeast on Elmwood Ave; thence Southeast on the onramp of State Route 10 to the point of beginning.

TENTH WARD

The Tenth Ward of the City of Providence shall consist of all of that part of the City bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of Montgomery Ave and F C Greene Memorial Blvd; thence Northwest on F C Greene Memorial Blvd; thence Northeast on Hawthorne Ave; thence Northwest on Broad St; thence East on Gladstone St; thence North on Baxter St; thence East on Potters Ave; thence South on Gordon Ave; thence East on Oxford St; thence North on I- 95; thence East on Public St, extending to the Providence - East Providence boundary line; thence South on the Providence - East Providence boundary line; thence west on the Providence - Cranston boundary line; thence West on Montgomery Ave to the point of beginning.

ELEVENTH WARD

The Eleventh Ward of the City of Providence shall consist of all of that part of the City bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of Gordon Ave and Oxford St; thence East on Oxford St; thence North on I- 95; thence East on Public St; thence North on the Providence river; thence Southwest on I- 195; thence West on I- 95; thence Southwest on Westminster St; thence South on Bridgham St; thence Southwest on Cranston St; thence South on Parade St; thence East on Hollis St; thence South on Diamond St; thence East on Sprague St; thence South on Dexter St; thence South on Bucklin St; thence East on Bellevue Ave; thence East on Plenty St; thence South on Broad St; thence East on Gladstone St; thence North on Baxter St; thence East on Potters Ave; thence South on Gordon Ave to the point of beginning.

TWELFTH WARD

The Twelfth Ward of the City of Providence shall consist of all of that part of the City bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of Atwells Ave and the Woonasquatucket River; thence Northeast on the Woonasquatucket River; thence South on I- 95; thence East on Memorial Blvd; thence Northeast on Steeple St; thence North on the Moshassuck river; thence West on Smith St; thence North on New York New Haven and Hartford RR; thence Southwest on I- 95; thence Northwest on Douglas Ave; thence North on N Davis St; thence West on Chalkstone Ave; thence Northwest on Douglas Ave; thence Northeast on Fillmore St; thence Northwest on the southern boundary of Census Block 440070027003019; thence Southwest on Chad Brown St; thence Northwest on March St; thence Southwest on Berkshire St; thence South on Douglas Ave; thence West on Eaton St; thence South on Pembroke Ave; thence Northwest on Smith St; thence Southwest on Maude St; thence Southeast on Convent St; thence Southwest on Pleasant Valley Pkwy; thence Southeast on Rosebank Ave; thence West on Chalkstone Ave; thence South on Bergen St; thence West on Regent Ave; thence South on Huron St; thence West on the Northern boundary of census block 440070022003006; thence South on Academy Ave; thence East on Atwells Ave to the point of beginning.

THIRTEENTH WARD

The Thirteenth Ward of the City of Providence shall consist of all of that part of the City bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of Union Ave and Messer St; thence North on Messer St; thence East on Chapin Ave; thence Northeast on Cranston St; thence Northwest on Bridgham St; thence East on Westminster St; thence Northwest on I- 95; thence Southwest on the Woonasquatucket river; thence East on Atwells Ave; thence Southwest on US Hwy 6; thence South on State Rte 10; thence East on Union Ave to the point of beginning.

FOURTEENTH WARD

The Fourteenth Ward of the City of Providence shall consist of all of that part of the City bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of Pembroke Ave and Eaton St; thence East on Eaton St; thence North on Douglas Ave; thence Northeast on Corina St; thence North on Appian St; thence Northeast on Corina St; thence Northeast on the eastern boundary of Corliss / Mansion Park; thence Northeast on Hawkins St; thence Northwest on Louisquisset Pike; thence West on Branch Ave; thence South on Moy St; thence West on Concannon St; thence Northwest on Douglas Ave; thence Southwest on the Providence - North Providence boundary line; thence Southeast on Admiral St; thence West on Texas Ave; thence South on Gentian Ave; thence East on Isabella Ave; thence South on Enfield Ave; thence Southeast on Smith St; thence North on River Ave; thence Southeast on Eaton St; thence South on Tyndall Ave; thence Southeast on Smith St; thence North on Pembroke Ave to the point of beginning.

FIFTEENTH WARD

The Fifteenth Ward of the City of Providence shall consist of all of that part of the City bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of Terrace Ave and the Providence - Cranston boundary line; thence Northwest on Terrace Ave; thence West on Shafter St; thence North on Laurel Hill Ave; thence East on Plainfield St; thence North on Webster Ave; thence East on Eastwood Ave; thence South on Heath St; thence East on Laban St; thence Northeast on Plainfield St; thence Northwest on US Hwy 6; thence Northeast on the western boundary of census block 440070019003001, continuing on Salmon St; thence Southeast on Manton Ave; thence East on Amherst St; thence North on Putnam St; thence East on Atwells Ave; thence Southwest on US Hwy 6; thence South on State Rte 10; thence Northerly and Westerly on the Providence - Cranston boundary line to the point of beginning.

SCHOOL BOARD REGIONS

The five School Board Regions of the City of Providence shall individually consist of the contiguous areas of three combined Wards of the City of Providence as described herein, representing the North, South, East, West, and Central areas of the City.

FIRST SCHOOL BOARD REGION

The First School Board Region of the City of Providence shall consist of all that part of the City bounded by the combined contiguous area of the First Ward of the City of Providence, the Second Ward of the City of Providence, and the Third Ward of the City of Providence.

SECOND SCHOOL BOARD REGION

The Second School Board Region of the City of Providence shall consist of all that part of the City bounded by the combined contiguous area of the Fourth Ward of the City of Providence, the Fifth Ward of the City of Providence, and the Fourteenth Ward of the City of Providence.

THIRD SCHOOL BOARD REGION

The Third School Board Region of the City of Providence shall consist of all that part of the City bounded by the combined contiguous area of the Sixth Ward of the City of Providence, the Seventh Ward of the City of Providence, and the Fifteenth Ward of the City of Providence.

FOURTH SCHOOL BOARD REGION

The Fourth School Board Region of the City of Providence shall consist of all that part of the City bounded by the combined contiguous area of the Eighth Ward of the City of Providence, the Ninth Ward of the City of Providence, and the Tenth Ward of the City of Providence.

FIFTH SCHOOL BOARD REGION

The Fifth School Board Region of the City of Providence shall consist of all that part of the City bounded by the combined contiguous area of the Eleventh Ward of the City of Providence, the Twelfth Ward of the City of Providence, and the Thirteenth Ward of the City of Providence.

SECTION 2. It shall be understood and intended that in bounding and describing the said Wards, that the said boundary lines of streets, streams, rivers and railroads is meant in all instances the central line of such street, stream, river or railroad, unless the same be otherwise specified.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall be liberally construed to effectuate the purposes thereof and to apportion the City into fifteen wards and school board regions in compliance with the Home Rule Charter of the City of Providence. It is intended that the fifteen wards and school board regions described herein completely encompass all the area within the City and contain all the citizens resident in the City. It is further intended that the ward boundaries provided for in this Ordinance result in the creation of wards and school board regions containing substantially equal population, that natural boundaries be used and recognized neighborhoods be included without arbitrary divisions thereof, so far as practicable.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage; provided, however, that the provisions hereof shall first be effective in connection with elections to be held on or subsequent to the first day of September, 2022, and for the purpose of greater clarity, the first election under the provisions of this Ordinance for City Council Wards hereby created, shall be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, 2022, and the first primary election under the provisions of this Ordinance for nomination of candidates for City Council from each of the fifteen wards shall be held on the second Tuesday after the first Monday in September, 2022. The first election under the provisions of this Ordinance for School Board Regions hereby created shall be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, 2024. If any of the provisions of this Ordinance or the application of such provision to any court of competent jurisdiction, or if any action performed under the provision of this Ordinance is restrained or enjoined by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall not be deemed impaired or affected thereby but shall be deemed to remain in full force and effect.

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

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 13 "Housing", Article III, "Affordable Housing Trust Fund" of the Providence Code of Ordinances.

Section 18. Chapter 13, "Housing," Article III, "Affordable housing trust fund" is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 13- 18. - Allocation system for the affordable housing trust fund.

(a) As used in this section, "affordable" means housing that costs no more than thirty (30) percent of a household's monthly income, including monthly rent, mortgage payments and utilities.

(b) Monies designated for or allocated by the Providence Housing Trust shall be used solely for the purpose of funding construction, development, or financing mechanisms of affordable low- and moderate-income housing. "Low- and moderate-income housing" means rental units affordable to households earning less than or equal to eighty (80) percent of the area median income, or homeownership units affordable to households earning up to one hundred twenty (120) percent of the area median income, as determined annually by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's income limits for the City of Providence.

Any funds obligated by resolution of the Providence Redevelopment Agency (PRA) board upon or prior to the date of passage of this ordinance shall be exempt from this section.

(c) All payments made to the city redevelopment agency for payment to the Providence Housing Trust under tax stabilization agreements shall be deposited in the Providence Housing Trust without exception. These payments shall be used in strict conformance with the rules and regulations of the Providence Housing Trust.

(d) Affordable housing projects financed, in part or in whole, by the Providence Housing Trust must result in units which remain affordable, as defined in subsection (a), for at least thirty (30) years.

(e) The director of the department of planning, or assignee, shall make a quarterly report on the activities and status of the Providence Housing Trust to the city council.

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 13 "Housing", Article III, "Affordable Housing Trust Fund" of the Providence Code of Ordinances.

READ/PASSED SECOND TIME [13 TO 1]

MOVER: Councilman Taylor

SECONDER: Councilwoman Harris

AYES: Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.

NAYES: Councilwoman Ryan – 1.

ABSENT: Councilwoman Graves – 1.

COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMEN ANTHONY, GRAVES, COUNCILOR ROIAS, COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS AND COUNCILMAN ESPINAL

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 5 "Buildings and Structural Appurtenances", Article 1, "In General" Section 5-8 "Notice of Demolition Permit Issuance" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence.

SECTION 1. Article 1. Chapter 5 "BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURAL APPURTENANCES" is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 5-8. - Notice of application for a demolition permit.

- (a) Upon the application of a permit to the Department of Inspection and Standards for the complete removal of an existing structure, the applicant shall provide the City Clerk with a notice of application. For the purpose of this section, a "structure" shall not include accessory structures as defined in the Zoning Ordinance. Said notice shall include:
 - i. A copy of the application submitted to the Department of Inspection and Standards, which application shall include a site plan with location of fencing, debris staging, dumpster locations, and a separate dust/lead/asbestos mitigation plan;
 - ii. A list identifying all parcels and owners within two hundred (200) feet of the lot where the removal is to occur, whether within the city or within an adjacent city or town ("the abutters").
- (b) Notice of an application for the complete removal of an existing structure of a parcel shall also be distributed as provided for in this section:
 - i. Upon receipt of an application, the building official shall provide written notice to the city council representative of the ward in which the property is located, which

notice shall be delivered-either by the city sergeant and through electronic communication.

- ii. Written notice shall be sent at least fourteen (14) days prior to the demolition containing the date, time, and place of the demolition, the nature and purpose of the demolition, and a map showing the existing boundaries and adjacent streets and roads of the property that is the subject of removal, as well as city or town boundaries where appropriate, to:

- A. the last known address of the abutters, as shown on the current real estate tax assessment records of the city or town in which the property is located; and
- B. any individual or entity holding a recorded conservation or preservation restriction on the property that is the subject of removal as well as to the owner, occupant, lessee, mortgagee, and any other person with an interest in the property, as indicated by the recorder of deeds.

- ii. The written notice required in this section shall be sent by registered, certified, or first-class mail; provided, for any notice sent by first-class mail, the sender of the notice shall utilize and obtain a United States Postal Service certificate of mailing, PS form 3817, or any applicable version thereof, to demonstrate proof of mailing. However, if any such person cannot be identified or located, service may be achieved through publication in a newspaper circulating in the city.

- (c) Any applicant who applies for a permit for the complete removal of an existing structure, shall post at the property a notice alerting the public of the pending demolition for fourteen (14) days prior to the commencement of said demolition. The site posting at the property shall comply with the following:

- i. The site posting shall include:
 - A. a description of the proposed project action;
 - B. a list of project permits issued;
 - C. the name, address, and telephone number of the applicant or agent;
 - D. the date the notice is posted; and
 - E. the estimated start date of demolition.
- ii. The site posting shall be on an all-weather material of not less than 3'x4' located adjacent to the property line, along the front/sidewalk/address side of the structure. Such material will be provided to the applicant upon payment of related fees.
- iii. The applicant shall submit an affidavit, signed under the pains and penalties of perjury, reflecting the form of the site posting to the Department of Inspection and Standards no more than three working days after posting.
- iv. Any applicant found to be in violation of this section shall be subject to a penalty of fifty dollars (\$50) for each day that the required site posting was lacking and

may result in the voiding of the applicant's permit to demolish the structure at the discretion of the Department of Inspections and Standards.

- (d) No permit shall be issued for the complete removal of an existing structure unless the owner of the site provides an invoice for rat abatement by a licensed pest control company no more than 30 days prior to the commencement of said demolition.
- (e) The building official shall have the authority to exempt an applicant from the notice and rat abatement requirements of this section upon a finding that the existing structure poses a threat to the public health and safety and must be removed immediately.
- (f) In addition to the procedures contained in this section, the Department of Inspection and Standards may develop general procedures for notification, including but not limited to the format of the notice, the size and configuration of any signage, and an affidavit of posting or mailing.
- (g) Any applicant found to be in violation of subsection (a) or (b) shall be subject to a penalty not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and shall void the applicant's permit to demolish the property.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be effective upon passage.

**COUNCILOR ROIAS, COUNCILMEN GONCALVES, ESPINAL,
COUNCILWOMEN GRAVES, HARRIS, PETERSON AND COUNCILMAN
VARGAS**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17 "Officers and Employees", Article I "In General" of the Providence Code of Ordinances to add Section 17-35 "Providence Public School Graduates."

WHEREAS, The City of Providence employs over 1,400 employees; and

WHEREAS, As one of the largest employers in the City, the City of Providence plays a significant role in providing opportunities for local residents; and

WHEREAS, Providence Public School District graduates are the foundation for the future of the City and it is imperative that the City of Providence create pathways for employment for these graduates so that they have an opportunity to remain local, serve, and contribute to the public service of the City of Providence while pursuing their careers.

Now Therefore, Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

Section 1. Chapter 17, “Officers and Employees”, Article I “In General”, is hereby amended as follows:

Section 17-35 – Providence Public School Graduates

- (a) Definition: The term “Providence Public School graduate” shall mean any student who has graduated with a high school degree issued by the Providence Public School District.
- (b) Obligation to Interview: Prior to extending an offer of employment for any open job position in the City of Providence the hiring manager who oversees said position, shall be required to conduct an interview of at least one minimally qualified Providence Public School graduate who applies for the open position, should there be a qualified candidate.
- (c) Exception: The obligation to interview shall not apply for any job posting that has been advertised for more than seven (7) days, does not receive an application from any Providence Public School graduates, or where such applicants do not meet the minimal qualifications as defined by the job posting and/or description.
- (d) Tracking and Reporting: The Human Resources Department shall be required to track the number of Providence Public School graduates who apply for open positions within the City as well as the number of Providence Public School graduates employed by the City when provided by the applicant.
- (e) Reporting: The Human Resources Department shall report annually describing the data collected pursuant to this Section, as well as recommendations for how the City can increase employment opportunities for Providence Public School graduates.

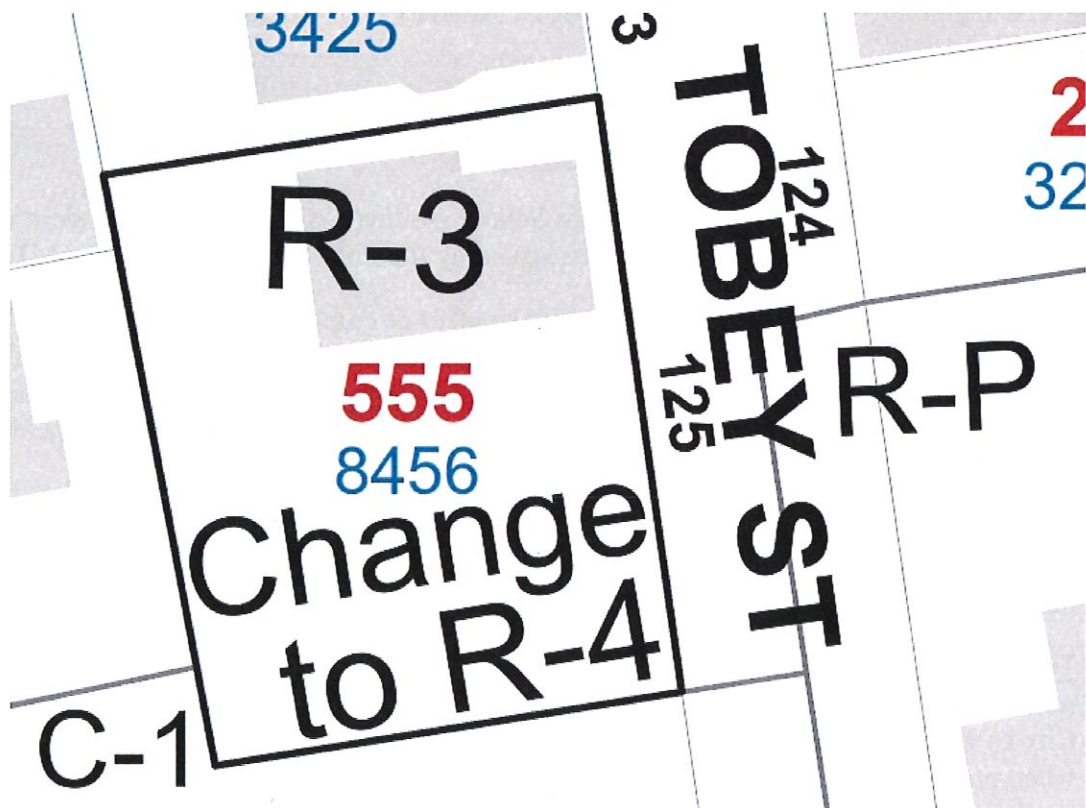
Nothing contained herein shall impinge on any existing collective bargaining obligation or agreement and does not apply to sworn members of the Providence Police Department or the Providence Fire Department.

Section 2. This act will go into effect upon the completion of the 2024-2025 school year as defined by the Providence Public Schools.

COUNCILMEN VARGAS AND GONCALVES

An Ordinance in Amendment of 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, to change the Zoning District on the Official Zoning Map for the Property located on Assessor's Plat 35, Lot 555 (125 Tobey Street), from R-3 to R-4.

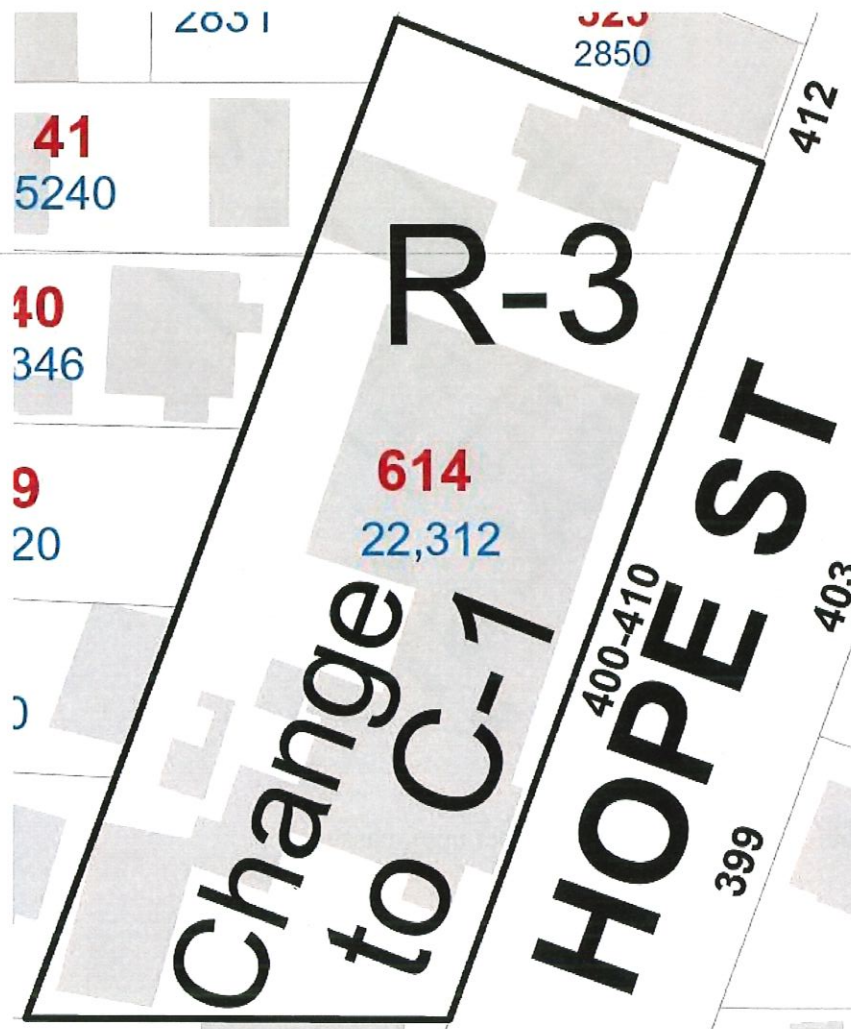
SECTION 1. Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance," Approved November 24, 2014, As Amended, is hereby further amended by changing the Zoning District on the Official Zoning Map for the Property located on Assessor's Plat 35, Lot 555 (125 Tobey Street), from R-3 to R-4. A footnote shall be added to the map that states that short-term rentals shall be prohibited on this property.



SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

An Ordinance in Amendment of 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, to change the Zoning District on the Official Zoning Map for the Property located on Assessor's Plat 9, Lot 614 (400-410 Hope Street), from R-3 to C-1.

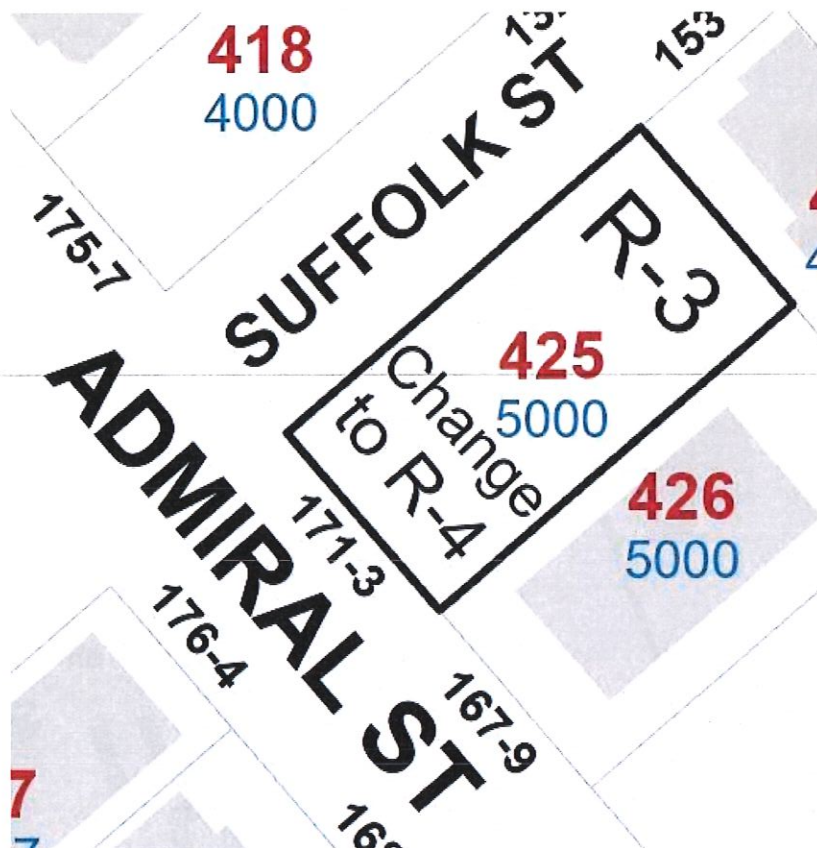
SECTION 1. Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Entitled: "The City of Providence Zoning Ordinance," Approved November 24, 2014, As Amended, is hereby further amended by changing the Zoning District on the Official Zoning Map for the Property located on Assessor's Plat 9, Lot 614 (400-410 Hope Street), from R-3 to C-1, limited however to (i) those uses allowed by right or by special use permit in the R-3 zoning district under Table 12-1 of the Zoning Ordinance, and (ii) only the following uses by right or special use permit(s) in the in the C-1 zoning district: multifamily dwellings, animal care facility, art gallery, art studio, bed and breakfast, body modification establishment, community center, day care center (of any size), dwelling - accessory dwelling unit, dwelling-adaptive reuse, financial institution/bank, government office, healthcare institution(s), medical /dental office, office, park/playground, personal service establishment, research and development, residential care facility, restaurant - 3500 s.f. or less of GFA, retail goods establishment - 3500 s.f. or less of GFA, and specialty food service.



SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

An Ordinance in Amendment of 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, to change the Zoning District on the Official Zoning Map for the Property located on Assessor's Plat 76, Lot 425 (171 Admiral Street), from R-3 to R-4.

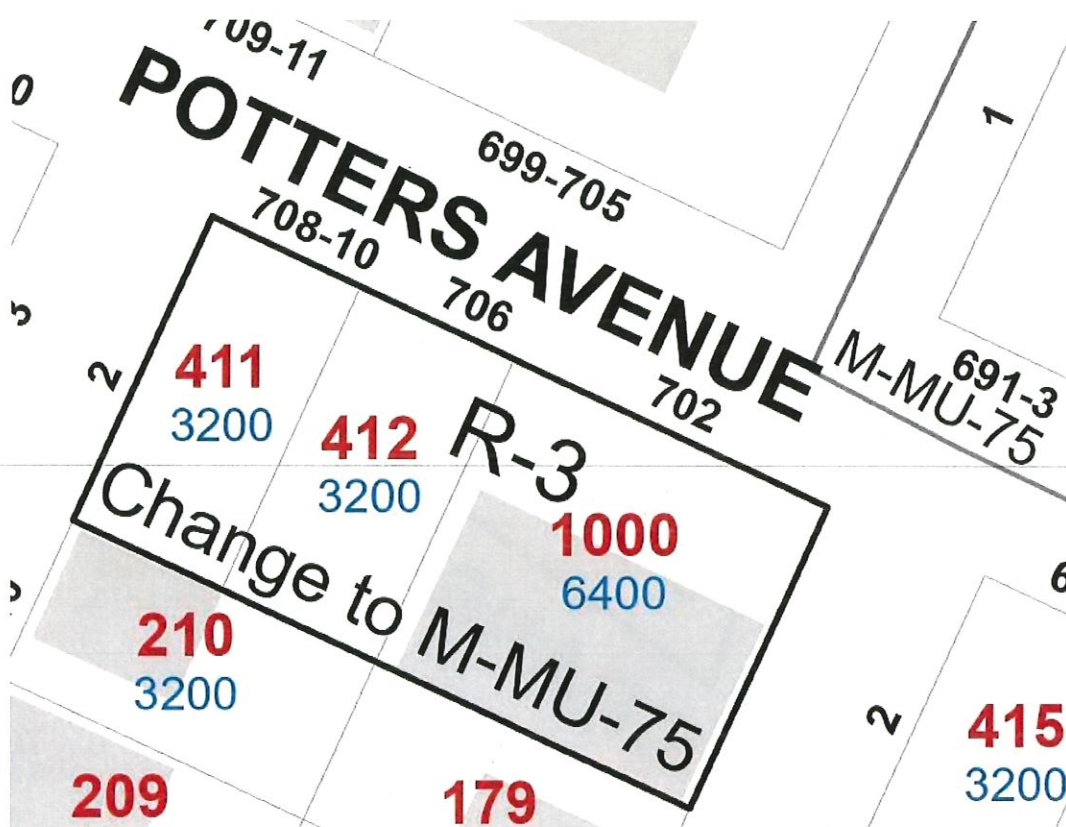
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SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

An Ordinance in Amendment of 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, to change the Zoning District on the Official Zoning Map for the Property located on Assessor's Plat 43, Lot 1000 (702 Potters Avenue), Assessor's Plat 43, Lot 412 (706 Potters Avenue), and Assessor's Plat 43, Lot 411 (710 Potters Avenue), from R-3 to M-MU-75.

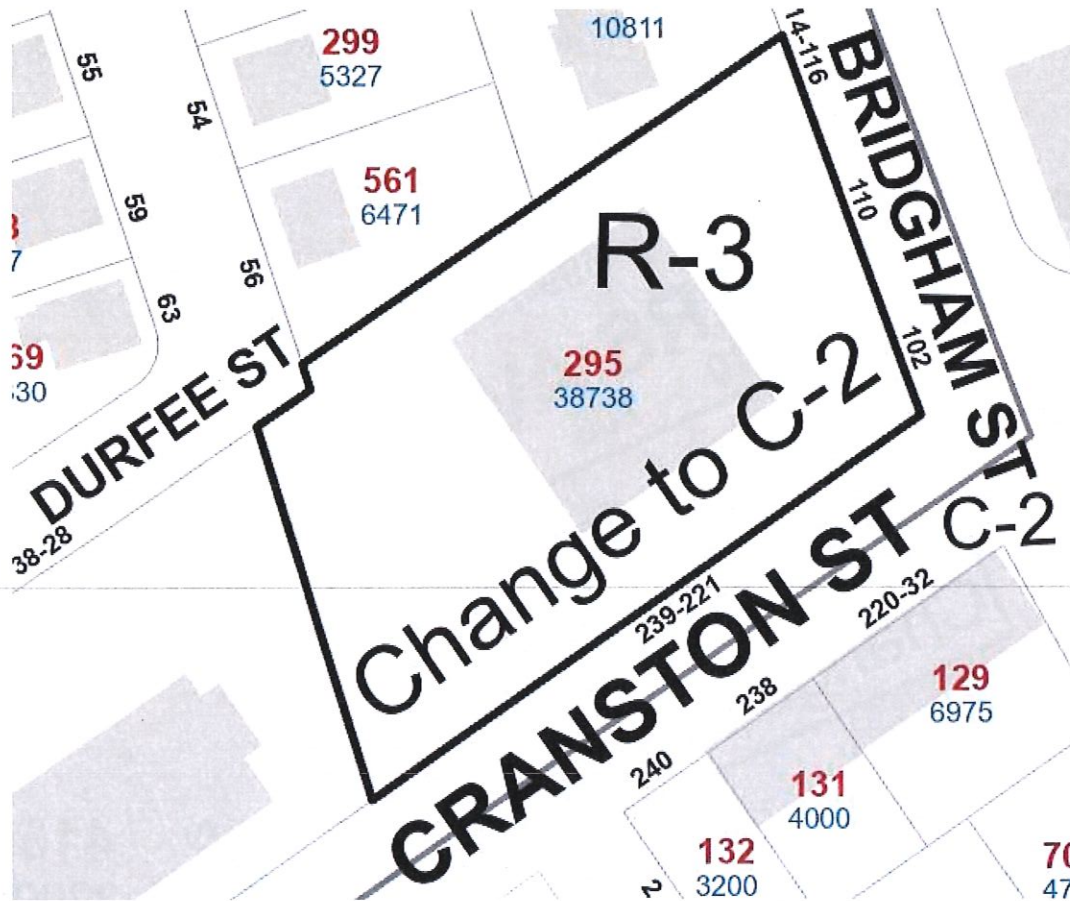
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SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

An Ordinance in Amendment of 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, to change the Zoning District on the Official Zoning Map for the Property located on Assessor's Plat 32, Lot 295 (239 Cranston Street), from R-3 to C-2.

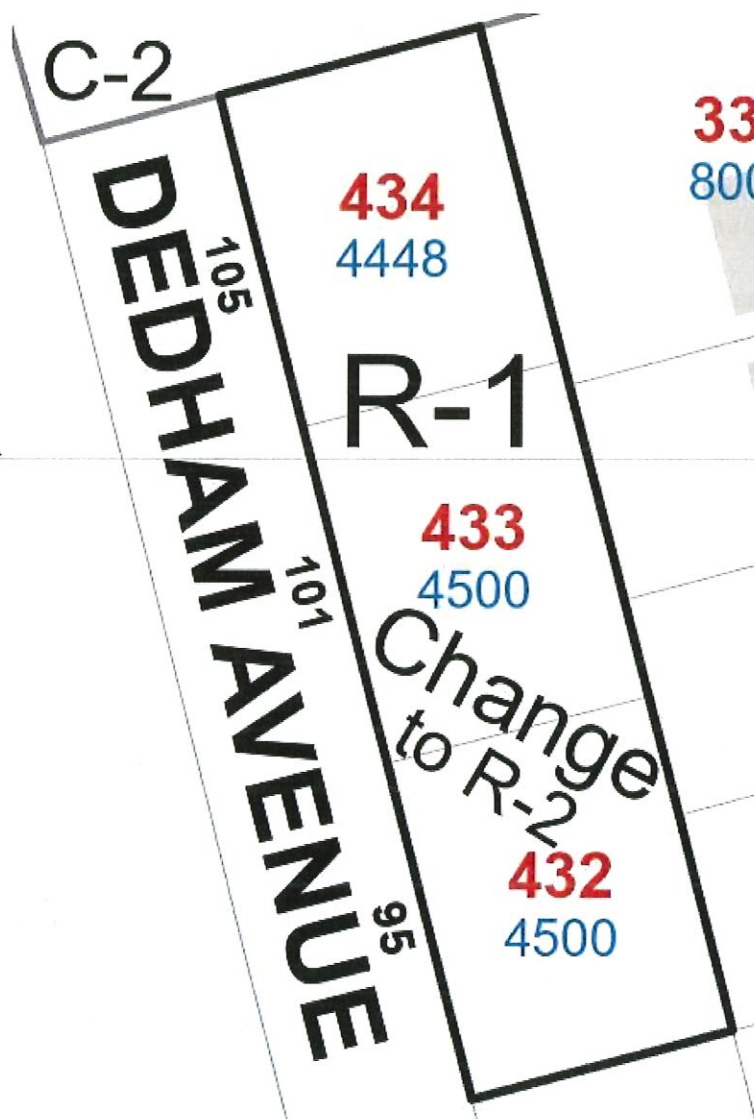
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SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

An Ordinance in Amendment of 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, to change the Zoning District on the Official Zoning Map for the Property located on Assessor's Plat 112, Lots 432, 433 and 434 (95 Dedham, 101 Dedham and 105 Dedham Avenue), from R-1 to R-2.

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 changing the Zoning District on the Official Zoning Map for the Property located on Assessor's Plat 112, Lots 432, 433 and 434 (95 Dedham, 101 Dedham and 105 Dedham Avenue), from R-1 to R-2.



SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

COUNCILOR PICHARDO, COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN GRAVES, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILMAN VARGAS, COUNCILORS ROIAS AND SANCHEZ

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14 “Licensing” of The Providence Code of Ordinances to add Article XVIII “Short-Term Lenders”.

SECTION 1.

Chapter 14 “Licensing” is hereby amended to add Article XVIII “Short-Term Lenders” as follows:

Article XVIII - Short-Term Lenders

Sec. 14-342 Definitions.

short-term lender: an individual or entity engaged in the business of making or arranging short-term loans, other than a state or federally chartered bank, savings bank, or credit union.

short-term loan: a loan to a borrower which has a principal amount, or an advance on a credit limit, of five-hundred dollars (\$500) or less and requires a minimum repayment within sixty (60) days of loan origination or credit advance of more than 25% of the principal balance or credit advance.

Sec. 14-343 License required.

It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in business as a short-term lender in the city, unless that person shall have procured a license therefor from the bureau of licenses.

Sec. 14-344 License fee.

The sum of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) shall be the annual charge for each short-term lender license.

Sec. 14-345 Posting and display of license.

Every person licensed under the provisions of this article shall display the license in a conspicuous place in the operated premises.

Sec. 14-346 Transferability of license.

No license to engage in business as a short-term lender shall operate to authorize any person other than the person named therein to act thereunder, and no such license shall be transferable.

Sec. 14-347 Books and records to be kept.

A person licensed as a short-term lender shall keep and maintain appropriate books and records pertaining to the operation of such business, and such books and records at all times shall be open to the inspection of the chief of police, deputy chief of police, or any other person by them or either of them authorized.

Sec. 14-348 Revocation of license.

Any person licensed to engage in business as a short-term lender, who shall violate any of the conditions or restrictions imposed upon the issuance of such license or any rules and regulations governing the conduct of short-term lenders, established by the bureau of licenses or by the state, shall suffer revocation; in addition, such license may be revoked at any time for causes other than those above specified, including violation of any other provision of this Code of Ordinances. Said penalties shall be in addition to any other penalty which may be imposed as a result of violation of this Code of Ordinances.

SECTION 2.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

COUNCILOR PICHARDO, COUNCILMEN VARGAS AND GONCALVES

An Ordinance Establishing a Tax Stabilization Plan for the property located at 126 Adelaide Avenue.

WHEREAS, Touchdown Realty Group LLC (“Project Owner”) is the owner of certain real property located in the City at 126 Adelaide Avenue, Assessor’s Plat 52, Lot 351; and

WHEREAS, Project Owner has proposed and committed to investing three million fifty thousand dollars (\$3,050,000) into rehabilitating and converting the building at the subject location into a 15-unit residential apartment building; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws (R.I.G.L.) § 44-3-9, the General Assembly has authorized the City of Providence, acting through its City Council and subject to certain enumerated conditions, to exempt or determine a stabilized amount of taxes to be paid on account of real and personal property for a period not to exceed twenty (20) years; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the Providence Code of Ordinances, as amended, specifically Chapter 21, Article XVIII, the granting of the tax stabilization will inure to the benefit of the City of Providence and its residents by reason of:

- (A) The willingness of Project Owner to construct new or to replace, reconstruct, convert, expand, retain, or remodel buildings, facilities, fixtures, machinery, or equipment, resulting in an increase or maintenance in plant, residential housing, or commercial building investment by the Project Owner.

NOW, THEREFORE, In consideration of the mutual agreements and promises set forth herein and other good and lawful consideration the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.

“Property” shall mean certain real property together with any and all buildings, structures, and/or improvements now or in the future located in the City at 126 Adelaide Avenue, Assessor’s Plat 52, Lot 351.

“Property Owner” shall mean any entity with a recorded legal or equitable right and/or interest in and/or to the Property, including any and all successors and assigns.

“Affordable Units” shall mean units for which the rent, heat and utilities other than telephone constitute no more than thirty percent (30%) of the gross annual household income for a household with eighty percent (80%) or less of area median income, adjusted for family size.

SECTION 2. TAX STABILIZATION.

Section 2.1. Grant. The City, in accordance with R.I.G.L. § 44-3-9 and the City of Providence Code of Ordinances, does hereby grant a ten (10) year tax stabilization in favor of the Property Owner with respect to the Property.

Section 2.2. Term. The tax stabilization term (“Term”) shall be the period commencing on December 31, 2023 and terminating on December 31, 2032. (Tax Years 2024-2033).

Section 2.3. Plan. During the Term, the stabilized amount of taxes to be paid by the Property Owner with respect to the Property, notwithstanding the valuation of the Property or the then-current rate of tax, is as follows: for the first two (2) tax years of the stabilization term, the Property Owner shall make a tax payment equal to the then-current assessment of \$444,000.00, set by the Tax Assessor (“Base Assessment”) multiplied by the then-current tax rate (hereinafter the “Base Assessment Tax”). The total base tax amount of the then-current tax rate is equal to \$15,584.40. For each tax year thereafter, the Property Owner will pay the Base Assessment Tax plus a percentage of the taxes due and owing on the difference between the Base Assessment and then-current assessed value of the Property multiplied by the then-current rate. See “Tax Stabilization Plan” incorporated herein as if fully reproduced and attached hereto and as Exhibit A.

Section 2.4. Payment Deadlines. During the Term and in accordance with the tax stabilization plan outlined therein, stabilized tax payments shall be made in either a lump sum during the first quarter of the applicable tax year or in equal quarterly installments at the discretion of the Property Owner. If the Property Owner elects to make quarterly installments, each quarterly installment shall be due on the same date that quarterly taxes are due for all other taxpayers in the City of Providence.

Section 2.5. Obligation of Property Owner to Make Payment. During the Term and in accordance with the tax stabilization plan outlined herein, stabilized tax payments shall be an obligation of the Property Owner.

Section 2.6. Non-Receipt of Stabilized Tax Bill. Failure by the City to send or failure by the Property Owner to receive a stabilized tax bill does not excuse the nonpayment of the stabilized tax nor affect its validity or any action or proceeding for the collection of the tax in accordance with this stabilization, an Agreement formed hereunder, or otherwise.

Section 2.7. Recording of Plan, Running with Land. The Property Owner shall cause this tax stabilization plan to be recorded at its expense in the City's official public land evidence records. This recording shall be construed to provide a complete additional alternative method under contract law for the securitization of payments due and owing under this stabilization and shall be regarded as supplemental and in addition to the powers conferred by other state and local laws.

SECTION 3. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF STABILIZED PROJECTS.

Section 3.1. Commencement of Performance. Construction or rehabilitation shall commence within twelve (12) months, and the Project Owner shall obtain a Certificate of Occupancy from the Department of Inspections and Standards within thirty-six (36) months of the effective date of this Ordinance. If the Property Owner fails to meet either of these deadlines, Property Owner shall retroactively pay the difference between their actual stabilized tax payments and what the Property Owner would have paid if ineligible for the specified tax considerations. The Property Owner may, twelve (12) months prior to the applicable deadline, submit a request to the city council for approval of an extension to such deadline.

Section 3.2. Permits and Certificates of Occupancy. Property Owner shall obtain all permits and certificates of occupancy as required by state and local law in connection with any and all intended construction or rehabilitation.

Section 3.3. MBE/WBE. During the Term, the Property Owner shall comply with any and all requirements under Chapter 21, Article II, Section 52 of the Providence Code of Ordinances as it pertains to Minority and Women Business Enterprises.

Section 3.4. Internal Revenue Service reporting. Except as provided under R.I.G.L. § 28-42-8, any person performing services at the Property shall annually receive either a W-2 statement or an IRS Form 1099.

Section 3.5. First Source. During the Term, the Property Owner shall enter into a First Source Agreement with the Director of First Source Providence in accordance with Chapter 21 Article III1/2 of the Providence Code of Ordinances, including at least one percent (1%) of the total amount of discounted taxes to be directed to the first source trust fund, per Section 21-95.

Section 3.6. Equal Employment. During the Term, the Property Owner shall work with the City's Office of Human Resources, Division of Equal Employment Opportunity to ensure the City's goals to prohibit discrimination against qualified individuals based on their status as protected veterans or individuals with disabilities, and prohibit discrimination against all individuals based on their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or national origin are met. Moreover, the Property Owner will take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, protected veteran status or disability.

Section 3.7. "Buy Providence" Initiative. During the Term, the Property Owner shall use best efforts to ensure that construction materials are purchased from economically competitive and qualified vendors located in the city of Providence. In furtherance of this effort, the Property Owner will work with the city to develop a list of Providence vendors and subcontractors in order to create a preferred vendor list of qualified and economically competitive vendors for the construction of the project. Furthermore, once the Property Owner constructs the development, the Property Owner will use good faith efforts to conduct ongoing business with and provide preference to economically competitive and qualified Providence businesses.

Section 3.8. Apprenticeship. The Property Owner shall ensure that one hundred percent (100%) of the hours worked on the project shall be performed by all trade construction contractors and subcontractors who have or are affiliated with an apprenticeship program as defined in 29 C.F.R. § 29 et seq. Additionally, the Property Owner shall ensure that all bidding documents for the work to be performed on the Eligible Project includes express and conspicuous language evidencing the requirement found in this subsection.

As part of its contract with the construction manager and/or general contractor, the Property Owner shall require that not less than ten percent (10%) of the total hours worked by the contractors' and subcontractors' employees on the project are completed by apprentices registered in the aforementioned apprenticeship programs. Failure to comply with or meet the requirements of this subsection shall be a material violation of the Property Owner's obligations under this chapter.

The Property Owner, its Prime Contractor, or any other person/entity authorized by the Property Owner, may petition the City of Providence's Director of Planning and Development, or his/her designee to adjust the requirements found in this subsection to a lower percentage upon a showing that:

- (A) A trade or field does not have an apprenticeship program or cannot produce members from its program capable of performing the scope of work within the contract; or
- (B) The size and scope of the work will not allow for the contractor to comply with apprenticeship ratio requirements for the craft affected; or
- (C) For any other non-economic justifiable reason that demonstrates good cause.

Accompanying the petition mentioned in this sub-section, the petitioning entity must provide contemporary evidence of the efforts taken to comply with this section, including but not limited to the bidding and responsive documents for the scopes of work for which the petitioning entity is seeking an exemption.

Section 3.9. Project Compliance. This stabilization shall in no way confer that the underlying project (construction or rehabilitation) is either compliant with the Providence Zoning Ordinance or has received the necessary approvals from any board or commission, including (but not limited to) the Historic District Commission, the Downtown Design Review Committee, the Capital Center Commission, the City Plan Commission, the Zoning Board of Review, or the I-195 Redevelopment Commission (as applicable).

Section 3.10. Prohibited and Restricted Uses. The following uses, as defined by Chapter 27 of the Providence Code of Ordinances, shall not be permitted on the Property during the Term: Adult use (including adult bookstore/retail, adult arcade, adult cabaret, adult motion picture theater, and adult hotel/motel), compassion center or cultivation center, contractor storage yard, fraternity or sorority, landfill, materials processing of scrap metal, storage yard (outdoor), and the retail use for gun stores, payday lending, or check-cashing operations. The following uses, as defined by Chapter 27 of the Providence Code of Ordinances, shall not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the usable square footage of the Property during the Term: bar, nightclub, and retail sales of alcohol.

Section 3.11. City of Providence Parks and Recreation Trust Fund. The Property Owner shall make annual payments to the Fund in the amount of seven percent (7%) of the estimated total of taxes abated (as shown in the Tax Assessor's Fiscal Note) amortized over the Term. Notwithstanding anything mentioned in this subsection, the Property Owner shall pay \$1,000.00 in the Fund annually in the tax years in which the Property Owner pays a base assessment tax. Said annual payments will be payable within thirty (30) days of receipt of an invoice for the same from the Office of the Tax Assessor. If, for any reason, this Ordinance is retroactively revoked, payments to the fund shall remain and will not be forfeited due to a default.

Section 3.12. Payment of Area Standard Wages. Omitted.

Section 3.13. Post-Construction Jobs. Omitted.

Section 3.14. Monitoring Fee. Within thirty (30) days of receiving a statement from the Tax Assessor, the Property Owner shall remit a monitoring/compliance fee to the City in the amount of 0.01 percent of the total project costs as presented in the Property Owner's application for each respective tax year during the term of this stabilization.

Section 3.15. Affordable Units. During the term, no less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the units shall be Affordable Units as defined in this ordinance.

SECTION 4. TRANSFER OF PROPERTY.

Section 4.1. Transfer Generally. Stabilized tax payments shall be an obligation of the Property Owner during any of the tax stabilization terms as defined in Section 2 above and in accordance with the tax stabilization plan outlined therein, without regard to any transfer of the Property. Additionally, in accordance with Section 2.7, the burdens and benefits of this stabilization will run with the land, and as for payment of taxes shall run in favor of the City regardless of any transfer of ownership. The Property Owner must provide prior written notice to the City before any transfer of the Property so that the City may determine, in its sole discretion, as to whether or not this stabilization will continue.

Section 4.2. Transfer to Tax Exempt Entities. In the event that the Property Owner transfers the Property to a tax-exempt entity, this stabilization shall be void ab initio and any entity holding an equitable or legal interest in the Property on or after the effective date of this stabilization shall be jointly and severally liable for the full taxes due and owing from said effective date forward.

Section 4.3. Post-Expiration Transfers. In the event that the Property Owner transfers the Property to a tax-exempt entity within five years from the end of any tax stabilization term, as defined in Section 2.2 above, any and all Property Owners will pay the following: five percent (5%) of the sale price in said transfer if sold to a tax-exempt entity in the first year following the end of the term; four percent (4%) of the sale price in said transfer if sold to a tax-exempt entity in the second year following the end of the term; three percent (3%) of the sale price in said transfer if sold to a tax-exempt entity in the third year following the end of the term; two percent (2%) of the sale price in said transfer if sold to a tax-exempt entity in the fourth year following the end of the term; and one percent (1%) of the sale price in said transfer if sold to a tax-exempt entity in the fifth year following the end of the term.

SECTION 5. ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT.

Section 5.1. Reporting Generally. The Property Owner shall provide monthly reports to the City Council, or the Council's designee, and in such instance that the Property is within the jurisdiction of the I-195 Commission then the Commission as well, on its progress in complying with the provisions of this stabilization.

Section 5.2. Reporting Requirements. The reporting format shall be provided by the City Council of Providence in its sole discretion to document construction-based employment information and demographics related to the terms of this stabilization. If the Property Owner, its developer and/or other person/entity authorized by the Property Owner, does not timely submit their monthly reports to the City Council, or its designee, the City Council or its designee shall notify the Property Owner. The Property Owner shall have ten (10) days thereafter to provide the information to the City or its designee. The project site owner, the Director of Planning and Development, the Director of First Source, and a representative of the third-party entity monitoring apprenticeship requirements shall annually report to the City Council on progress in complying with the provisions of this stabilization, including but not limited to, sections 2 and 3. Specifically, its report shall include a performance report on construction or rehabilitation with evidence of final construction costs, status of stabilized tax payments, and evidence of compliance with Section 3. Upon receipt and review, the City Council may require and request additional information.

SECTION 6. DEFAULT.

The following events shall constitute an event of default:

- (A) Failure of the Property Owner to pay any amount due under or with respect to Section 2; or
- (B) Failure of the Property Owner to record a Notice of this stabilization as required by and in accordance with Section 2; or
- (C) Failure of the Property Owner to meet any of the performance obligations set forth in Section 3; or
- (D) Failure of the Property Owner to annually report as required by Section 5; or
- (E) Failure of the Property Owner to notify the City in writing within thirty (30) days of the transfer of the Property; or
- (F) Transfer of the Property by the Property Owner outside of the terms of this stabilization; or
- (G) Failure of the Property Owner to comply with any other obligation or promise contained within any section or subsection of this stabilization; or
- (H) Failure of the Property Owner to comply with all state and local law regarding building and property maintenance codes, zoning ordinances, and building and/or trade permits; or
- (I) Failure of the Property Owner to waive as set forth in Section 8.4; or
- (J) Failure of the Property Owner to remain current on any and all other financial obligations to the City of Providence.

SECTION 7. NOTICE AND CURE.

Section 7.1. Notice and Cure Period. In event of potential Default (as defined in Section 6), the City Solicitor (or outside counsel hired by the City Council) shall provide written notice to the Property Owner of such potential Event of Default (“First Notice”) and notify the Property Owner that it shall have sixty (60) days, from the date the Notice herein is sent, to cure any Event of Default pursuant to this stabilization (“Initial Cure Period”). If said Event of Default is not cured within the Initial Cure Period, then the City Solicitor (or outside counsel hired by the City Council) shall notify the Property Owner in writing (“Second Notice”) that this stabilization is terminated and that a bill will be sent out by the Tax Assessor sixty (60) days from the date of the Second Notice. Said bill will be for the abated taxes to date and those amounts including, but not limited to, any amounts of taxes due and owing but not paid, interest, penalties, assessments, and fees associated therewith (“Delinquency Bill”).

The Property Owner may petition the City Council in writing for additional time beyond the Initial Cure Period in order to cure any alleged Event of Default (“Extended Cure Period”). Once filed with the City Clerk, a petition requesting an Extended Cure Period will toll the time period between the Second Notice and the issuance of the Delinquency Bill until the petition is either approved, denied, or withdrawn. An indefinite continuance shall constitute a denial.

Section 7.2. Agreed Upon Address for Purposes of Written Notice. All notices, requests, consents, approvals, and any other communication which may be or are required to be served or given (including changes of address for purposes of notice) shall be in writing and shall be sent registered or certified mail, or by nationally recognized overnight courier (such as Federal Express or UPS) and addressed to the following parties set forth below:

If to: City of Providence
 Office of the City Clerk
 25 Dorrance St.
 Providence, RI 02903

If to: Touchdown Realty Group LLC
 167 N Quidnessett Road
 North Kingstown, RI 02852

SECTION 8. RIGHTS AND REMEDIES.

Section 8.1. Collection of Taxes. At any time during the Term, the City of Providence may pursue any and all rights and remedies arising under any state or local law, including but not limited to R.I.G.L. Chapters 7-9 of Title 44, and/or arising under this stabilization to collect stabilized taxes due and owing in accordance with the tax stabilization plan and/or to collect any retroactive taxes.

Section 8.2. City's Lien Remedies and Rights. Nothing herein contained shall restrict or limit the City's rights and/or remedies with respect to its first priority lien for taxes as provided under Title 44 of the General Laws. Rather, this stabilization shall be construed to provide a complete additional alternative method under contract law for the collection of taxes, and shall be regarded as supplemental and in addition to the powers conferred by other state and local laws.

Section 8.3. Waiver. Failure or delay on the part of the City to exercise any rights or remedies, powers or privileges at any time under this stabilization or under any state or local law shall not constitute a waiver thereof, nor shall a single or partial exercise thereof preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, remedy, power of privilege thereunder.

Section 8.4. Property Owner's Rights. During the tax stabilization term as defined in Section 2.2, the Property Owner agrees to waive and forever forgo any and all of its rights and privileges under R.I.G.L. § 44-5-26 and -27, as it pertains to the Tax Payments due and owing pursuant to this stabilization, unless there is a loss of use of the Property as a result of fire, flood, earthquake, or other act of God. Nothing herein shall be construed to limit the right of the Property Owner to pursue its rights and remedies under the terms of this stabilization.

SECTION 9. MISCELLANEOUS TERMS.

Section 9.1 Severability. The sections of this stabilization are severable, and if any of its sections or subsections shall be held unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of the court shall not affect or impair any of the remaining sections or subsections.

Section 9.2. Applicable Law. This stabilization shall be construed under the laws of the State of Rhode Island, the City of Providence Home Rule Charter, and the City of Providence Code of Ordinances, as amended.

Section 9.3. Entire Agreement; Amendments. This stabilization and all attachments, addenda, and/or exhibits attached hereto shall represent the entire agreement between City and the Property Owner. This stabilization shall not be modified, amended, extended or altered in any way by oral representations made before or after the execution of this stabilization. Any and all modifications, amendments, extensions or alterations must be in writing duly executed by all parties, and passed by City Council.

Section 9.4. Effective Date. This stabilization shall take effect upon passage of this Ordinance by the Providence City Council, approval by the Mayor (or the Ordinance otherwise becoming effective). Immediately following the Effective Date, the Property Owner shall record this Ordinance with the City's official public land evidence records

Exhibit A

Year	Phase-in Percentage Plus Base Tax
Tax Year 2024	Base Tax
Tax Year 2025	Base Tax
Tax Year 2026	Base + 12.50%
Tax Year 2027	Base + 25.00%
Tax Year 2028	Base + 37.50%
Tax Year 2029	Base + 50.00%
Tax Year 2030	Base + 62.50%
Tax Year 2031	Base + 75.00%
Tax Year 2032	Base + 87.50%
Tax Year 2033	Base + 95.00%
Tax Year 2034	Taxation Resumes at Full Value Assessment

As a reminder, for a given tax year during the Term, the payment due is:

Base Assessment Tax

$$+ (\% \text{ above}) \times (\text{Full assessed value} - \text{Base Assessment}) \times (\text{Tax rate})$$

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of items 6 through 17 and Pass for the Second Time on a Roll Call Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT:	READ/PASSED SECOND TIME [UNANIMOUS] ITEM 6 AND ITEMS 8 THROUGH 17
MOVER:	Councilman Taylor
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 14.
ABSENT:	Councilwoman Graves – 1.

The Motion for Passage the Second Time is Sustained.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS

An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 2017-52, No. 492, An Ordinance Establishing a Tax Exemption and Tax Stabilization Agreement for the Aspen Group, Inc., for 220 Blackstone Street and 220 Blackstone Street Rear."

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS

An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 2017-21, No. 281, "An Ordinance Establishing a Tax Stabilization Plan for 68 Dorrance Street."

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS

An Ordinance Authorizing the Financing of the Acquisition of Equipment and Vehicles through a Lease Purchase Agreement in a principal amount not to exceed Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00), Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Lease Agreement and Related Instruments, and determining other matters in connection therewith.

COUNCILMAN VARGAS, (By Request):

An Ordinance Establishing a Tax Stabilization Plan for the property located at 265 Manton Avenue.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, (By Request):

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.

Interaction Insight Corporation (Department of Telecommunications)	\$23, 772.00
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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.

Motorola Solutions, Inc. (Department of Telecommunications)	\$511,986.77
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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)(3) of the Code of Ordinances.

Bank of America Public Capital Corporation (BAPCC) (Department of Finance)	\$20,000,000.00
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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.

Infor US, LLC (Department of Information Technology)	\$335,815.59
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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.

BSI Software, Inc, (Department of Information Technology)	\$14,298.64
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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.

Central Florida Yamaha, Inc. \$66,483.00
(Department of Public Safety, Police Department)

Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Contract Award of an encumbrance by the Board of Contract and Supply in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(4) of the Code of Ordinances.

NRG Business Marketing, LLC \$450,000.00
(Department of Public Property)

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

Resolution Authorizing Approval of the following Contract Award to amend the cap of Sidewalk, Road and Drainage Construction for Option Year 1 by the Board of Contract and Supply in accordance with Section 21-26(b)(5) of the Code of Ordinances.

Sidewalk, Road and Drainage Construction \$250,000.00 Option Year 1
(Multiple Vendors)
(Department of Public Works)

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of items 18 through 29, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers items 18 through 29 to the Committee on Finance.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR ANDERBOIS,
COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES,
COUNCILWOMAN PETERSON, COUNCILORS ROIAS, SANCHEZ,
COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS AND COUNCILMAN VARGAS**

Resolution Recognizing the 55th Annual Professional Municipal Clerk's Week from May 5, 2024 through May 11, 2024.

WHEREAS, The Office of the City Clerk, a time-honored and vital part of local government exists throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, The Office of the City Clerk is the oldest among public servants; and

WHEREAS, The Office of the City Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies and agencies of government at other levels; and

WHEREAS, City Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all; and

WHEREAS, The City Clerk maintains and records all votes, orders, resolutions and ordinances made and passed by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, City Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of the Office of the City Clerk furnishing the heads of departments and the chairmen of all committees of the City Council with certified copies of such votes or resolutions as they relate to their respective departments or committees; and

WHEREAS, It is most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of the Office of the City Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby recognizes the 55th Annual Professional Municipal Clerk's Week of May 5, 2024 through May 11, 2024, as Professional Municipal Clerks Week, and further extend appreciation to our Office of the City Clerk and to all Professional Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent.

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

Resolution Advocating for the Preservation of Kennedy Plaza as the Central Bus Hub location and prioritizing bus riders' perspectives in an open and transparent public decision-making process.

WHEREAS, Rhode Island's central bus hub at Kennedy Plaza is an essential component of our state's transportation infrastructure, providing vital connections for residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, The proposal to relocate the central bus hub from Kennedy Plaza to a vacant lot near Interstate 95, specifically known as "Parcel 35," raises significant concerns for our community, particularly in light of RIPTA's budget crisis and impending service cuts; and

WHEREAS, The City Council is aware and concerned that up to this point, Kennedy Plaza has not been presented or considered as an option for the bus hub relocation, and urges all relevant authorities to include Kennedy Plaza in the discussion and decision-making process regarding the future location of the central bus hub; and

WHEREAS, Kennedy Plaza should be considered the default option and treated at least as equally as the other options being presented, and RIPTA should not be working from an assumption that the City wants the hub moved; and

WHEREAS, We believe we need to make an affirmative statement to clarify that the City Council is not pushing for the hub to be moved from Kennedy Plaza, as Kennedy Plaza is a City property and belongs to all people, serving as a central location walkable to housing, jobs, City Hall, the Courts, the State House, and rail, which is the definition of transit-oriented development; and

WHEREAS, The opinions of Transit Riders are of utmost importance and should be central to the decision-making process regarding the future location of the central bus hub; and

WHEREAS, Transit riders, who rely on the central bus hub for their daily transportation needs, were denied the opportunity to voice their opposition to the relocation plan at any public forums, including the meeting of the 195 Redevelopment District Commission; and

WHEREAS, Moving the central bus hub to a location near Interstate 95 would likely disrupt existing transit routes, increase travel times for passengers, and hinder accessibility for those who depend on public transportation; and

WHEREAS, The proposed relocation to Parcel 35, commonly referred to as "Siberia" by critics, lacks the central location and proximity to essential services, such as City Hall, the Financial District, Providence Place, and the train station, that Kennedy Plaza offers; and

WHEREAS, The decision to relocate the bus hub to Parcel 35 has raised significant concerns among community members, as evidenced by public opposition and financial implications highlighted by various news outlets, indicating a potential disconnect between the project's execution and the community's needs and expectations; and

WHEREAS, The financial arrangements surrounding the Providence Transit Center project, including the \$16.9 million contract with Next Wave Partners and the allocation of a significant portion of available bond money before securing the land or beginning construction, raise questions about the stewardship of taxpayer funds and the project's feasibility; and

WHEREAS, The 2014 bond money was designated for capital improvements and can be used for existing RIPTA infrastructure, including Kennedy Plaza, and other central bus facilities, making it a viable option for enhancing public transportation services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council vehemently opposes the relocation of Rhode Island's central bus hub from Kennedy Plaza to Parcel 35 near Interstate 95; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council explicitly emphasizes that it is not and has never advocated or expressed in any way to RIPTA and any other relevant authorities that they would like the bus hub moved from Kennedy Plaza, reaffirming the Council's commitment to preserving Kennedy Plaza as the central bus hub for the benefit of our community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council urges the 195 Redevelopment District Commission and the RIPTA Board of Directors to pursue meaningful public input and discussion regarding the future of the central bus hub, emphasizing the importance of maintaining Kennedy Plaza as a viable option for the bus hub and not proceeding with a process that excludes it from consideration as a potential location; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority, the 195 Redevelopment District Commission, the Rhode Island Department of Transportation, the Office of Governor Daniel J. McKee, the Office of Rhode Island Speaker of the House K. Joseph Shekarchi, the Office of Rhode Island Senate President Dominick J. Ruggerio, and the Office of Mayor Brett Smiley to emphasize the importance of preserving the central bus hub at Kennedy Plaza for the benefit of our community.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of items 30 and 31 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

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

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

PERSONAL EXPRESSION

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Requests the privilege of the floor to speak on a Point of Personal Expression and states:

"I would like to thank the three leaders of the Clerk's Office who are here with us tonight and here with us for every full Council Meeting. Truly, beyond what other councilors have shared. You are also the first line for people in the public who need to interface with the city and with the City Council. You do it with so much grace and patience and care and I cannot thank you enough for your leadership and for the great work that is happening in your office. So, thank you."

COUNCILMAN GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY AND COUNCILOR ROIAS

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2024 H-7495 and Senate Bill 2024 S-2277, An Act Relating to State Affairs and Government - 2025 Battery-Powered Leaf Blower Pilot Rebate and Education Program.

COUNCILMAN GONCALVES AND COUNCILWOMAN ANTHONY

Resolution Endorsing and Urging Passage by the General Assembly of House Bill 2024 H-7401 and Senate Bill 2024 S-2860, An Act Relating to Education - The Paul W. Crowley Rhode Island Student Investment Initiative and House Bill 2024 H-7402 and Senate Bill 2024 S-2861, An Act Relating to Education - State Aid.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Move to Waive the Reading of item 32 and 33, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**.

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

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Special Committee on State Legislative Affairs

**COUNCILOR PICHARDO, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR
ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN
PETERSON, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS AND
COUNCILMAN VARGAS**

Resolution Honoring Memorial Day 2024.

WHEREAS, Memorial Day is a time for us to reflect upon the sacrifices made by the brave men and women who have served in the armed forces of the United States; and

WHEREAS, We honor the memory of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our nation, their courage and selflessness will never be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, We recognize the families of our fallen heroes, whose enduring strength and resilience inspire us all; and

WHEREAS, On May 27, 2024, Memorial Day provides us with an opportunity to renew our commitment to honoring the legacy of our fallen heroes by upholding the values of freedom, democracy, and justice for which they fought.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby honors Memorial Day 2024 and pays tribute to the brave individuals who have given their lives in service to our country; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Mayor of Providence, and the Rhode Island Office of Veterans Services.

**COUNCILOR PICHARDO, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR
ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN
PETERSON, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ, COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS AND
COUNCILMAN VARGAS**

Resolution Recognizing Asian Pacific American Heritage Month May 2024.

WHEREAS, The month of May is celebrated nationwide as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, providing an opportunity for all Americans to recognize the rich cultural heritage, contributions, and achievements of Asian and Pacific Islander communities; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders have made significant contributions to the United States at all levels of the Federal Government and in the Armed Forces, including

- (1) Daniel K. Inouye, a Medal of Honor and Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient who, as President pro tempore of the Senate, was the then-highest-ranking Asian American government official in the history of the United States;
- (2) Dalip Singh Saund, the first Asian American elected to Congress;
- (3) Patsy T. Mink, the first woman of color and Asian American woman elected to Congress;
- (4) Hiram L. Fong, the first Asian American Senator;
- (5) Daniel K. Akaka, the first Senator of Native Hawaiian ancestry;
- (6) Norman Y. Mineta, the first Asian American member of a Presidential cabinet;
- (7) Elaine L. Chao, the first Asian American woman member of a Presidential cabinet; and
- (8) Kamala D. Harris, the first woman and the first Asian American to hold the Office of the Vice President;

WHEREAS, We honor the resilience, diversity, and accomplishments of Asian Pacific Americans, who have overcome adversity and discrimination to enrich our society with their talents, innovation, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, During this month and throughout the year, we reaffirm our commitment to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion, and to combating racism and discrimination in all its forms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby recognizes May 2024 as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and celebrates the vibrant tapestry of cultures, traditions, and histories that Asian and Pacific Islander communities bring to our city.

**COUNCILOR PICHARDO, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER, COUNCILOR
ANDERBOIS, COUNCILMEN ESPINAL, GONCALVES, COUNCILWOMAN
PETERSON, COUNCILOR SANCHEZ AND COUNCILWOMAN VARGAS**

Resolution Recognizing and Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Knight Memorial Library.

WHEREAS, The Knight Memorial Library has served as a vital community resource to the Elmwood, South Side, and West End neighborhoods of Providence since its opening to the public in 1924; and

WHEREAS, The library was originally built to house the Elmwood Public Library Association, established in 1915, and is dedicated to Robert Brayton Knight and his wife, Josephine, by their children; and

WHEREAS, Robert Knight, a founder of the B. B. and R. Knight Co., played a significant role in the cotton-manufacturing industry and contributed to the growth of Providence in the early twentieth century; and

WHEREAS, The Knight Memorial Library's architectural design, featuring an open floor plan with cast iron stacks, Beaux Arts Neoclassical interior, and elements inspired by Roman atriums, including a skylight and relief sculpture of the Parthenon frieze, reflects both historical and cultural significance; and

WHEREAS, For a century, the library has been a beacon of knowledge, fostering literacy, education, and community engagement among its patrons; and

WHEREAS, Public libraries like Knight Memorial Library play an essential role in providing access to information, promoting lifelong learning, supporting literacy initiatives, and serving as community hubs for cultural and educational activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City of Providence hereby recognizes and celebrates the 100th anniversary of Knight Memorial Library and expresses gratitude for its enduring contributions to the Elmwood neighborhood and the city as a whole, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon passage a copy of this resolution be sent the Knight Memorial Library.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of items 34 through 36 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

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

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

COUNCILMAN VARGAS, COUNCILWOMAN RYAN, COUNCILMAN TAYLOR AND COUNCILOR SANCHEZ

Resolution of the City Council Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a lease agreement with Achievement First Rhode Island, Inc. and Excel Academy Rhode Island, for an initial period not to exceed thirty years and total period not to exceed sixty years, for the property at the Carl G. Lauro Elementary School at 99 Kenyon Street.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of items 37, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers item 37 to the Committee on Finance.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

REPORT(S) FROM COMMITTEE(S)

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE COUNCILWOMAN HELEN D. ANTHONY, Chairwoman

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Severally Received and Approved:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated April 12, 2024, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 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 **Stephanie Hague** of 300 Rochambeau Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02906, as a member of the **Human Relations Commission** for a term to expire on January 31, 2027, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Ms. Hague replaces Ms. Picard whose term has expired).

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated April 12, 2024, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 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 **Mellissa Parham** of 2 Olmsted Way, Providence, Rhode Island 02904, as a member of the **Human Relations Commission** for a term to expire on January 31, 2027, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Ms. Parham replaces Ms. Lasalle whose term has expired).

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated April 12, 2024, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 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 **Kannyka Pouk** of 36 McKinley Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02907, as a member of the **Human Relations Commission** for a term to expire on January 31, 2025, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Ms. Pouk replaces Ms. Mendoza who has resigned).

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of items 38 through 40 and Receive and Approve, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

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

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Denied Without Prejudice:

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated April 12, 2024, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 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 **Hamid Akinfolarin** of 616 Charles Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02904, as a member of the **Human Relations Commission** for a term to expire on January 31, 2025, and respectfully submits the same for your approval. (Mr. Akinfolarin replaces Mr. Murray who has resigned).

Communication from His Honor the Mayor, dated April 12, 2024, Informing the Honorable Members of the City Council that pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1103 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 re-appointing **Larome Myrick** of 12 Eagle Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908, as a member of the **Human Relations Commission** for a term to expire on January 31, 2027, and respectfully submits the same for your approval.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of items 41 and 42 and Deny Without Prejudice, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT:	DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Councilman Taylor
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Council President Miller, Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 14.
ABSENT:	Councilwoman Graves – 1.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER RELINQUISHES THE CHAIR

COUNCILOR PICHARDO IN THE CHAIR

**COMMITTEE ON URBAN REDEVELOPMENT,
RENEWAL AND PLANNING
Councilwoman Mary Kay Harris, Chairwoman**

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Adopted, As Amended:

COUNCILOR SANCHEZ

An Ordinance Adopting the Community Development Block Grant Budget for Program Year 2024-2025 and Authorizing the Department of Housing & Human Services to submit the CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA Budget and Application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of item 43 and Pass for the First Time on a Roll Call Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

RESULT:	READ/PASSED FOR THE FIRST TIME [13 TO 1]
MOVER:	Councilman Taylor
SECONDER:	Councilwoman Harris
AYES:	Councilor AnderBois, Councilwoman Anthony, Councilmen Espinal, Goncalves, Councilwomen Harris, Peterson, Councilors Pichardo, Roias, Councilwoman Ryan, Councilor Sanchez, Councilman Taylor, Councilwoman Vargas and Councilman Vargas – 13.
ABSENT:	Councilwoman Graves – 1.
RECUSED:	Council President Miller – 1.

The Motion for Passage the First Time is Sustained.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER IN THE CHAIR

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

COUNCILMAN OSCAR O. VARGAS, Chairman

Transmits the Following with Recommendation the Same be Approved:

COUNCILOR SANCHEZ

Resolution requesting an easement for use of the sidewalk portion of the public right-of-way located on Assessor's Plat 13, Lot 45 (235 Meeting Street).

RESOLVED, DECREED AND ORDERED:

Petitioner BOUTROS SALO & BOGHOS LLC, a domestic limited liability company with offices at 3 Presidential Way in Lincoln, has requested an easement over a portion of the sidewalk next to property at 235 Meeting Street (Assessor's Plat 13, Lot 45). The City hereby grants Petitioner two easements under and across the shaded portions of the public sidewalk along Meeting Street shown on the accompanying plan by Joseph N. McPhee II entitled "Updated Site Plan, C-4.0," dated March 28, 2024, for the purpose of installing stormwater spillway trenches. Said easement shall have the following conditions:

1. This easement is appurtenant to the property at 235 Meeting Street, more specifically described as Assessor's Plat 13 Lot 45, and shall run with the land.
2. Petitioner, its successors, and assigns, agree to maintain the trench drainage system within the public right-of-way. This includes, but is not limited to, cleaning and clearing the system (including the catchment area of the street) of any debris or blockages, complete or partial. This also includes, but is not limited to, the repair or replacement of the sidewalk above in the event of cracking or other damage due to the presence or function of the drainage system (whether functioning correctly or not). Petitioner, its successors, and assigns also agree to indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the City of Providence from any claims connected to the presence or function of the drainage system (whether functioning correctly or not). These covenants shall run with the land and be binding on subsequent owners of the property at 235 Meeting Street.
3. Petitioner shall apply for all applicable permits, including for excavation, for the installation of the drainage system.
4. All work performed on the sidewalk shall be done to the specifications and satisfaction of the City Engineer.
5. Petitioner shall cooperate with and not impede the existing utilities running through said easement.
6. Petitioner shall tender Eighteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,800.00) to the City of Providence.
7. His Honor the Mayor is authorized to execute a document for recording in the Land Evidence Records consistent with this resolution upon request from the Petitioner.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of item 44 and Pass on a Voice Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

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

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

FROM THE CLERK'S DESK

Petition from Foundation for Repertory Theatre of Rhode Island, Inc., 60 Adrian Hall Way, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, requesting to abandon a portion of Adrian Hall Way located on Assessor's Plat 25, Lot 186 (60 Adrian Hall Way) and Assessor's Plat 25, Lot 197 aka Adrian Hall Skatepark).

Petition from Foundation for Repertory Theatre of Rhode Island, Inc., 60 Adrian Hall Way, Providence, Rhode Island 02903, requesting an easement located on Assessor's Plat 25, Lot 186 (60 Adrian Hall Way).

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Public Works

Petitions for Compensation for Injuries and Damages, viz:

Amy Garcia
Debra A. Jobin
Dory Damian
Robert Rico
Progressive Direct Insurance Company
a/s/o Kevin A. Chevalier-Rosado
William Guthrie
Nancy Reall
Jose Villa
a/s/o Progressive Subrogation
Jaqueline Orozco

Mark Fanning
Mae L. Leitner
Douglass W. Crandall
Cassidy Matteo
Yaniv Gal
Anthony Lombardo
Paul Chagnon
Monique Barnes
(Coia & Lepore, Ltd.)
Charles Herrera

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Certificate from City Assessor (No.70T), recommending the same be cancelled pursuant to the provisions of Sections 14 and 15 of Title 44, Chapter 7 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, 1956, As Amended.

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Claims and Pending Suits

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of items 45 through 48, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER Refers items 45 and 46 to the Committee on Public Works and items 47 and 48 to the Committee on Claims and Pending Suits.

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:

India Restaurant, in recognition of the celebration of 30 Years of serving in the Providence Community, working directly with Brown University students (Surya Khatri 24' MD 28'), the restaurant has not only promoted South Asian culture and cuisine but also fostered meaningful collaborations that enrich both academia and the local community, through its dedication to diversity and representation India Restaurant has become an integral part of the vibrant fabric that makes the City of Providence.

Josseline Vasquez, in recognition of the celebration of your graduation from Johnson & Wales University, Class of 2024, graduating with an MBA with a concentration in HR, Congratulations!

Melissa Crum, in recognition of your hard work and dedication to the community, Empowering Women at Rising Magnolia's 3rd Annual Mother's Day Celebration!

Victoria Tapley, in recognition of your hard work and dedication to the community, Empowering Women at Rising Magnolia's 3rd Annual Mother's Day Celebration!

Michell Bridges, in recognition of your hard work and dedication to the community, Empowering Women at Rising Magnolia's 3rd Annual Mother's Day Celebration!

Rayna Dannel, in recognition of your hard work and dedication to the community, Empowering Women at Rising Magnolia's 3rd Annual Mother's Day Celebration!

Linda Gilleau, in recognition of your hard work and dedication to the community, Empowering Women at Rising Magnolia's 3rd Annual Mother's Day Celebration!

Gloria Schaefer, in recognition of your hard work and dedication to the community, Empowering Women at Rising Magnolia's 3rd Annual Mother's Day Celebration!

Caridad Gomez, in recognition of your hard work and dedication to the community, Empowering Women at Rising Magnolia's 3rd Annual Mother's Day Celebration!

Rosemary Raygada, in recognition of your hard work and dedication to the community, Empowering Women at Rising Magnolia's 3rd Annual Mother's Day Celebration!

Jemmarie Dupuis, in recognition of your hard work and dedication to the community,
Empowering Women at Rising Magnolia's 3rd Annual Mother's Day Celebration!

Janice Luongo, in recognition of your hard work and dedication to the community, Empowering
Women at Rising Magnolia's 3rd Annual Mother's Day Celebration!

Rosa Ortiz, in recognition of your good work in the community!

Aura Noboa, in recognition of being the most beautiful Mom. Happy Mother's Day!

Elsa Sandobar, in recognition of wishing you a most beautiful Mother's Day!

Jesika De La Cruz, in recognition of your hard work and dedication to the community,
Empowering Women at Rising Magnolia's 3rd Annual Mother's Day Celebration!

Frank Angelica Noboa, in recognition of your hard work and dedication to the community,
Empowering Women at Rising Magnolia's 3rd Annual Mother's Day Celebration!

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Move to Waive the Reading of item 49 and Pass on a Voice
Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

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

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

**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:

Dell G. Padgett

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Waive the Reading of item 50 and Pass on a
Unanimous Rising Vote, Seconded by COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS.**

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

The Motion for Passage is Sustained.

**MOTION TO SUSPEND RULE 16(B) OF THE RULES OF THE
CITY COUNCIL IN ORDER TO TAKE A MATTER NOT
APPEARING ON THE PRINTED DOCKET**

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR Moves to Suspend Rule 16(b) of the Rules of the City Council
in order to take a Matter Not Appearing on the Printed Docket, Seconded by
COUNCILMAN HARRIS.**

**MATTER NOT APPEARING
ON THE PRINTED DOCKET**

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCE

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MILLER AND COUNCILOR SANCHEZ

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 21 "Revenue and Finance", of the Providence Code of Ordinances, to add Article XIX, "Providence 8 Law Qualifications."

RESULT:	REFERRED
TO:	Committee on Finance

CONVENTION

There being no further business, on Motion of **COUNCILMAN TAYLOR**, Seconded by **COUNCILWOMAN HARRIS**, it is voted to adjourn in memory of Providence Firefighter Ciprano Massimo Illiano at 6:59 o'clock P.M., to meet again **THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2024 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=d5Avf9GZba0>*

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