



Executive Chamber, City of Providence, Rhode Island

Vincent A. Cianci, Jr.  
MAYOR

March 28, 1975

The Honorable  
The City Council of  
The City of Providence, Rhode Island  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island

Gentlemen:

Under authority granted to me by Charter 3, Section 3.18 of the Charter of the City of Providence, Rhode Island, I hereby disapprove and veto the Resolution of the City Council of Providence, Rhode Island proposing a Homestead Program.

I have taken this action because the Resolution creates a Board which restricts the three appointments of the Mayor to approval of the City Council, while the two appointments by the City Council need not be approved by the Mayor, thus creating a Board that would totally be a creature of the City Council.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
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READ:

WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT  
THE SAME BE RECEIVED.

*Vincent A. Cianci, Jr.*  
CLERK

Respectfully yours,

*Vincent A. Cianci, Jr.*  
VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.  
Mayor

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# The City of Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

## CHAPTER

No. **AN ORDINANCE** IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 256 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1974, APPROVED MAY 8, 1974, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO REGULATE A "HOMESTEAD PROGRAM".

*Approved*

### *Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

SECTION 1. An Ordinance with the provisions of Chapter 256 of the Public Laws of 1974, approved May 8, 1974, a Homestead Program is established effective upon the passage of this Ordinance and its approval by the Mayor, viz:

1. A Homestead Board consisting of Five (5) members, Three (3) of whom shall be appointed by the Mayor, with the approval of the City Council, and Two (2) of whom shall be appointed by the City Council, all of whom shall serve terms of four years to do the following:

- a. compile and maintain a catalog of all unoccupied dwellings and vacant lots owned by the City which the City determined shall be parcels that can be utilized for rehabilitation or new construction by private individuals.
- b. accept and review applications from qualified persons and offer said parcels at no initial cost on a conditional deed basis, provided that the applicant
  - 1.) is at least (18) eighteen years of age and is the head of a family.
  - 2.) is a citizen of the United States or a registered alien.
  - 3.) proves financial and know-how ability to rehabilitate an existing dwelling or construct a new dwelling, as the case might be.
  - 4.) has contractually agreed to rehabilitate or construct on, as the case might be, the parcel assigned to him and further agrees to
    - a.) bring the assigned parcel up to City housing standards within eighteen (18) months after assignment of the parcels to him; and
    - b. permits periodic inspection by the City but not more often than once during any three month period, for a determination by the City of whether reasonable, satisfactory progress is being made by the applicant in rehabilitating or constructing on the parcel assigned to him; and

- c.) surrenders and quits the assigned parcel in a condition at least equal to that when first assigned upon thirty (30) days notice by the City when, as a result of a periodic inspection, that City determines that the applicant has become unable or unwilling to proceed reasonably or satisfactorily towards fulfilling the objectives and conditions of this chapter; and
- d.) lives in, occupies, and maintains as a single family dwelling to City housing standards the parcel assigned to him for a period of not less than three (3) years.

c. upon compliance with the above qualifications and directions, the Board is empowered to grant a deed in fee simple to the applicant who qualifies for the assigned parcel.

SECTION 2. Responsibilities and Duties of the Board - The Board is empowered and has the duty and responsibility to:

- a. review and publicize, by newspaper advertising or some other effective method, the availability of homestead program properties.
- b. accept and review applications and determine the qualifications of applicants within the criteria established by this chapter and the regulations promulgated hereunder.
- c. approve and certify applicants with a view towards compatibility of the applicant and the parcel assigned to him.
- d. approve and recommend the execution by the duly authorized officer of the City of a conditional deed to the assigned parcel upon the applicant being approved.
- e. approve and recommend the execution, by the duly authorized representative of the City of all documents necessary to convey fee simple title to the assigned parcel to the applicant upon the applicant's fulfillment of all conditions contained in this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. Compensation of Board Members - The members of the Board shall receive no compensation and shall by majority vote appoint a secretary of the Board.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

IN CITY COUNCIL

MAR 6 1975  
FIRST READING  
READ AND PASSED

*Umarant Cooper*  
CLERK

*I hereby disapprove  
and veto  
Umarant Cooper.*

IN CITY  
COUNCIL

MAR 2 1975  
READ AND PASSED

*Ralph Targem*  
PRESIDENT  
*Umarant Cooper*  
CLERK

READ AND PASS  
FIRST READING  
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FEB 6 1975  
FIRST READING  
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON  
ORDINANCES  
Ernest Caspi  
CLERK

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FINAL READING  
IN CITY COUNCIL

Councilman Herms, 2  
Councilman Almogordo 3  
Councilman Marshall 1