

City of Providence
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 254

EFFECTIVE July 27, 2020

WHEREAS, The City of Providence Department of Inspections and Standards is tasked with enforcement of the State Building Code within the limits of the City; and

WHEREAS, There are circumstances wherein certain buildings are deemed to be in violation of the Building Code to such an extent that it the structure can no longer be deemed habitable; and

WHEREAS, When a structure is deemed no longer habitable the Department of Inspections and Standards is forced to condemn the structure which can result in the removal of tenants from their current place of residence; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence currently provides temporary rehousing for displaced tenants by providing hotel rooms for these individuals for a short period of time, however there is no guarantee of securing permanent housing for these displaced tenants; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence must ensure that tenants displaced as a result of condemnation actions or a fire are relocated to new permanent residences within the City so that they are not put in jeopardy of becoming homeless.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council requests that the Planning Department and the Department of Inspections and Standards coordinate their efforts to create a security deposit assistance program for tenants displaced either as a result of City condemnation actions or by a fire so that those tenants can receive grant assistance in securing permanent housing within the limits of the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of Providence, the Director of Planning, and the Director of Inspections and Standards.

IN CITY COUNCIL

JUL 16 2020

READ AND PASSED

PRES.

CLERK

Effective without the
Mayor's Signature

Shawn Selleck
City Clerk