

CHAPTER 2023-52

No. 515 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12, "HEALTH AND SANITATION", ARTICLE V "RAT AND VERMIN CONTROL" SECTION 12-113 "BUILDINGS TO BE RAT ERADICATED PRIOR TO DEMOLITION" AND 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

Approved December 21, 2023

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

**SECTION 1.** Article V. Chapter 12 "HEALTH AND SANITATION" is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 12-113. - Buildings or property to be rat eradicated prior to demolition or grading.

No building, structure or parcel shall hereafter be razed, demolished or graded, in accordance with Section 5 of this code, 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 work.

**SECTION 2.** Article 1. Chapter 5 "BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURAL APPURTENANCES" is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 5-8. - Notice of demolition or grading permit issuance.

- (a) Upon the application of a permit for the complete removal of an existing structure or grading of a parcel, the building official shall provide written notice to the city council representative of the ward in which the property is located. Said notice shall be delivered to the city council representative either by the city sergeant or through electronic communication.
- (b) Any applicant who applies for a permit for the complete removal of an existing structure or grading of a parcel through the building official, shall post at the property a notice alerting the public of the pending demolition for seven (7) days prior to the commencement of said demolition.
- (c) No permit shall be issued for the complete removal of an existing structure or grading of a parcel 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.
- (d) The building official shall have the authority to exempt an applicant from the requirements of subsection (b) upon a finding that the existing structure poses a threat to the public health and safety and must be removed immediately.
- (e) Any applicant found to be in violation of subsection (b) shall be subject to a penalty not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

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*Rachel M. Miller*  
RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT  
*Lina L. Mastrosanni*  
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I HEREBY APPROVE.

*Butt P. Smith*  
Mayor

Date: 12/21/23