

**THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE**  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 258

EFFECTIVE ~~APPROVED~~ April 30, 2012

WHEREAS, The Level II nightclub located in Downtown Providence was the scene of extreme violence on April 8, 2012, resulting in six assault victims--five with stab wounds-- whom required emergency medical care, and were transported to the hospital; and

WHEREAS, According to the Providence Police incident report, staff at the nightclub requested police assistance to break up a large fight which had quickly escalated inside the club, but that with hundreds of patrons still inside and dozens of individuals directly engaged in fighting, police were unable, after numerous attempts, to disperse the crowds; and

WHEREAS, Every available Providence police officer had to be dispatched to the nightclub, in order to quell the violent disturbance at the scene, which was described in the incident report by one detective as "total pandemonium"; and

WHEREAS, Several Providence Fire rescues also responded to the nightclub to treat victims and transport them to Rhode Island Hospital; and

WHEREAS, As a result of the dangerous events that occurred on April 8, 2012, the Providence Board of Licenses closed Level II--located at 101 Richmond Street--on an emergency basis, the same action the Board took nearly one year ago, on April 28, 2011, following a fight and shooting involving Level II patrons; and

WHEREAS, Incidents at the city's nightclubs, such as the April 8<sup>th</sup> incident, threaten the safety of both the public and the city's law enforcement officers, and attempts to restore calm and order place a strain on the city's physical and financial resources; and

WHEREAS, Safety in Downtown Providence is a paramount concern, as is safety at bars, taverns, nightclubs and live music venues throughout the city.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby find an urgent need to examine, review, and make recommendations regarding the policies and procedures relating to nightclub and other licenses; the role of the police department in maintaining order at nightclub venues; and changes to City ordinances and/or State law, as necessary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That:

- 1) The City Council shall call upon the Chairperson and the Administrator of the Board of Licenses; the Commissioner of Public Safety and the Police Chief; and the City Solicitor to provide relevant documents and testimony regarding these matters; and
- 2) The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the parties listed herein.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED

PRES.

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Effective without the  
Mayor's Signature:

Anna M. Stetson  
City Clerk