

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 627

Approved December 9, 1976

RESOLVED, that the Director of the Department of Public Works and the Chief of the Police Department are respectively requested to enforce the Ordinances of the City of Providence with relation to the collection and disposal of garbage, trash and refuse from Commercial Premises, and placement of the same on sidewalks and public highways, all in accordance with the Provisions of Sections 12-57 to 64, inclusive, of the Ordinances of the City of Providence.

IN CITY COUNCIL

DEC 2 1976
READ AND PASSED

Robert J. Hayton
PRES.
Robert J. Hayton
CLERK

APPROVED
Wm. A. Camp
MAYOR

DEC 9 1976

IN CITY COUNCIL

JUN 24 1976

FIRST READING

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

Ernest Leeper
CLERK

Commissioner Bookman,
by Request

THE COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC WORKS

Approves Passage of
The Within Resolution

Ernest Leeper
Nov. 22, 1976 Clerk

Councilman
WILLIAM G. BRADSHAW
COUNCIL DEPUTY
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632 Angell Street 02906



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October 14, 1976

Committee on Public Works
City Hall

Gentlemen:

Re: My Resolution regarding Collection and
Disposal of Garbage, etc.

My Resolution was sparked by a letter from a constituent (Giletti) who claims to have seen large rats going in and out of a large trash receptacle near her residence. There is also a trash bin on Fones Alley which local business men object to. I'll add a third reason, appearing in today's paper (enclosed) finding trash bins hazardous.

The City Code is very specific on the subject:

ARTICLE III. Garbage, Trash and Refuse.

Sec. 12-61. Use of Garbage Receptacles.

(a) Required. The owner or occupant of any premises where swill or garbage shall accumulate shall provide a covered watertight receptacle on said premises for such swill or garbage and shall deposit or cause to be deposited all such swill or garbage in such receptacle.

Sec. 12-63. Time to place waste for collection, duty to remove after collection.

No person placing or causing to be placed rubbish, garbage, construction waste or other litter in receptacles or otherwise on a street, sidewalk, alley or public place for the purpose of having the same collected at a regularly scheduled or special collection shall do so before sunset of the day prior to such scheduled collection, nor shall such person allow such matter or the receptacles thereof to remain upon such street, sidewalk, alley or public place after the end of the day of such scheduled collection.

Councilmen are aware of many instances where large trash bins are allowed to remain permanently on city sidewalks and alleys where they are a health and safety hazard.

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These containers attract rats, flies, worms, and other vermin and animals. And they smell. In the Mayor's effort to improve the "cosmetics" of the city, we could make a start by banning from our sidewalks and back alleys these unsightly bins.

The city planners, and architects in general, might well address themselves to this problem. Restaurants put on an attractive front for their customers, but more often than not, their backsides need tidying up. A solution would be for them to install, off the kitchen, a holding room for their trash and garbage. The tendency is to put their garbage in a can, out on the sidewalk, and forget about it. This is a continuing problem in all large cities, as was attested to by the experts from the west coast and Pittsburgh.

The problem at Fones Alley is a large trash bin at Rascal House, parked on the Alley - a city street - and located at a bottleneck, thus preventing fire apparatus from getting to their property, according to local merchants and residents. It also poses a problem for police who cannot clear illegally parked cars in the Alley because of it.

We cannot legislate esthetics. Trash and garbage storage and removal are a vital function of every big city, and, for the present, we will have to put up with unattractive trash containers.

To summarize: The purpose of the Resolution is to tighten up the City Code. The law is on the books, let's enforce it. All garbage and trash containers should be "...a covered watertight receptacle..."; they should remain on the owner's property except for the scheduled day of pick up, and the empties taken in that day.

The Council has been criticised in the press for not paying attention to its basic housekeeping. I think the point is well taken. We can make a start by tidying up our alleyways and sidewalks.

Respectfully,

William G. Bradshaw
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Councilman W-2