

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 154

EFFECTIVE ~~Approved~~ March 27, 2005

WHEREAS, Certain residences create an ongoing nuisance in city neighborhoods due to loud music and parties; and

WHEREAS, These residences create such nuisance on a consistent and regular basis; and

WHEREAS, The renters and/or owners of such residences are responsible for disturbing the quality of life for nearby residents; and

WHEREAS, The Narragansett Police Department has developed a successful policy to address so-called "party houses" by establishing a "Party House List; and

WHEREAS, The policy was implemented to help reduce the number of complaints received about party houses; and

WHEREAS, Disruptive and over-crowded parties in Providence create a public nuisance as well as serious fire, health and public safety concerns.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the members of the Providence City Council do hereby request that the Providence Police Chief review the policy of the Narragansett Police Department regarding party houses, and adopt a similar plan for the City of Providence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the members of the Providence City Council do hereby request that a copy of the Narragansett Police Department policy, the same which is attached to this resolution, be forwarded to the Providence Police Chief.

CITY COUNCIL
MAR 17 2005
READ AND PASSED
PRES.
Michael R. Clement
CLERK

Effective without the
Mayor's Signature:

Michael R. Clement
City Clerk

Council President Hemback

Narragansett Police Department

Procedure for the Party House List

It has been the past practice of the Narragansett Police Department to give a courtesy warning if the police department responded to your residence for a noise disturbance or loud party. If we responded back to the same residence during the same night/day, the renters/owners were charged and issued a summons for Municipal Court. This policy was subject to officer discretion to include size of the party, renter/owner cooperation and frequency of call to the residence in the past.

Your residence will be placed on the Party House List if any or all of the following occur:

1. The renters/owners host a large party.
2. The renters/owners are uncooperative when the police department responds to the residence for a noise disturbance/loud party.
3. The police department has received repeated calls of noise/loud parties at the same residence.

Once placed on the list, if the police department responds to the residence during the 30-day period the renters/owners will be cited to Municipal Court. No courtesy warning will be given during the 30-day period. If the police department does not respond back to the residence after a 30-day period the residence will be taken off of the Party House List. If the police department does respond to the residence for a noise/party complaint during the 30-day period the renters/owners will be charged for each subsequent occurrence and the house will remain on the list for 90-days.

If a residence has been taken off of the Party House List after the 30-days has expired and the police department is dispatched back to the residence for a noise/party complaint, the renters/owners may receive a courtesy warning subject to officer discretion. It is not mandatory that the renters/owners be cited for the offense. The residence will then be placed back on the Party House List for an additional period of 90-days and all subsequent violations will be cited to Municipal Court and not subject to a courtesy warning by the officer. If further violation persist the residence will be placed on the list for 180-days.

All residences placed on the Party House List are subject to random noise meter checks during their duration on the list. If a residence is found to be in violation the renters/owners will be cited to Municipal Court.

It is our hope this procedure in dealing with noise/party complaints will decrease the frequency and size of disturbances in the Town of Narragansett.

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Claire Bestwick

From: Yvonne Graf
Sent: Wednesday, March 09, 2005 4:38 PM
To: Claire Bestwick
Cc: Anna Stetson
Subject: REVISION-docket item

Revised version!! Thanks-y.

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