

# The City of Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

## CHAPTER 1861

### EMERGENCY

No. 467 AN ORDINANCE GRANTING EMERGENCY POWERS TO HIS  
HONOR THE MAYOR.

Approved August 2, 1967

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

WHEREAS, on August 1, 1967, the City of Providence was visited by acts of lawlessness on the part of certain individuals which caused great damage to the property of the inhabitants of the City of Providence and which endanger the lives of the inhabitants of the City of Providence, and emergency measures are necessary to provide for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to take all necessary measures for the relief of the inhabitants of the City and for the preservation of property in the City of Providence; therefore, the City Council pursuant to Section 27 of the Charter of the City of Providence, Public Laws 1940 Chapter 832 Section 27 hereby declares that an emergency situation exists.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE:

SECTION 1. His Honor the Mayor be and he hereby is authorized to take any and all steps necessary to preserve the public peace, property, health and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Providence, including, but not limited to the establishment of a curfew; the prohibition of sale or delivery of gasoline and other flammable substances, firearms or ammunition, alcoholic beverages; provided, however, that the Mayor shall act by Executive Order only, when necessary, in the exercise of his sound and reasonable judgment. Said Executive Order shall, as near as may be, designate the area in which said emergency measures shall be imposed and shall recite the facts leading to the issuance of the Order.

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SECTION 2. Any violation of this Ordinance or violation of any Executive Order promulgated hereunder, shall be punished in accordance with the provisions of Chapter I Section 10 of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, 1946, as amended.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage, and all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that this ordinance shall become null and void when the Mayor, by Executive Order, determines that the emergency situation ceases to exist, or when the City Council by Resolution declares that the emergency situation ceases to exist.

**IN CITY COUNCIL**

AUG 2 1967

READ and PASSED

*Runell J. Dwyer*

*Lincoln T. Chapin*

President

Clerk

*As an Emergency Ordinance*

**APPROVED**

AUG 21 1967

*Joseph A. Dowley Jr.*

MAYOR

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*Councilman Mc Nulty and President, by request*



CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
JOSEPH A. DOORLEY, JR., MAYOR  
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

August 2, 1967

Mr. Vincent Vespia  
City Clerk  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Vespia:

On August 1st there were certain disturbances in the City of Providence, and in order to maintain law and order I find it necessary to ask the Honorable City Council for emergency powers which will be in existence until this situation clears. I desire to have an emergency City Council meeting called for 11:00 a.m. on August 2nd in the City Council Chamber at which time I will present to the Council emergency ordinances which hopefully will bring about the desired results.

Very truly yours,

*Joseph A. Doorley, Jr.*  
Joseph A. Doorley, Jr.  
Mayor of Providence

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**IN CITY COUNCIL**  
**AUG 2 - 1967**

READ:  
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT  
THE SAME BE RECEIVED.

*Vincent Vespia*  
CLERK

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PROVIDENCE, R.I.**

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THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE Sc.

TO WILLIAM M. KEAVNEY, CITY SERGEANT:

WHEREAS, His Honor Joseph A. Doorley, Jr., Mayor of the City of Providence, being of the opinion that the good of the City requires that the City Council shall meet at an earlier day than that to which said City Council stands adjourned, has requested, in writing, that the City Clerk shall call a Special Meeting of said City Council.

You are therefore hereby commanded and required to summon each member of the City Council to meet in the Chamber of the City Council, City Hall, Providence, Rhode Island on WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 1967 at 11:00 o'clock A.M. (E.D.S.T.) for the following purpose, viz.:

To consider and act upon, as emergency measures, the following:

1. An Emergency Ordinance granting Emergency Powers to His Honor the Mayor.
2. An Emergency Ordinance Establishing a Curfew.
3. An Emergency Ordinance Providing for the Prohibition of sale of Firearms and Ammunition.
4. An Emergency Ordinance Prohibiting the Sale of Gasoline within the City of Providence.
5. An Emergency Ordinance Providing for the Prohibition of the Sale or Delivery of Alcoholic Beverages.
6. An Emergency Ordinance Prohibiting the Congregation of six or more persons.

and for any other business that may legally come before said City Council.

HEREOF, fail not, and make true return of this warrant, with your doings thereon.

Given under my Hand and  
Official Seal this second  
day of August, A.D., 1967.

*Vincent Vespa*  
Vincent Vespa  
City Clerk of Providence

IN CITY COUNCIL  
AUG 2 - 1967

READ:  
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT  
THE SAME BE RECEIVED.

*Vincent Vespa*  
CLERK

City of Providence, R.I.

I hereby certify that I have notified each member of the City Council of the Special Meeting, to be held Wednesday,

August 2, 1967 at 11:00 o'clock A.M. (E.D.S.T.), by deliver-

ing personally to each member, a copy of the within Warrant, with the exception of Raymond Cola, who is out of the City and cannot be contacted.

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Given under my Hand and Official Seal this second day of August, A.D., 1967.  
Vincent Vespia  
City Clerk of Providence