

City of Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 289

EFFECTIVE September 14, 2020

WHEREAS, In the past several weeks there has been a steady increase in the amount of trash and debris on the City's streets; and

WHEREAS, City Council members across the City have received calls regarding increased rodent activity and an overall degradation in the quality of their City streets; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Public Works is tasked with the responsibility of maintaining the City's streets which includes regular street sweeping activities in order to remove trash and debris from collecting in the City's neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Due to staffing reductions in response to COVID-19, the Department of Public Works has fallen behind in their efforts to maintain the City's streets; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the increased trash and rodent activity, the failure to sweep the City's streets also poses a significant threat to the environment as the accumulated dirt, debris, and other contaminants can be washed from the streets directly into neighboring waterways which further exacerbates the water pollution challenges facing the City and the State; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that regular street sweeping begin immediately in order to improve the quality of life for the City's residents who have been forced to live with ever increasing trash and debris accumulation, rodent activity, and worsening environmental conditions as a result of the failure to maintain the City's streets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence hereby requests that the Director of Public Works immediately begin street-sweeping efforts throughout the City and, if necessary, hire a third-party contractor in order to help expedite the process of sweeping every City street.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution will be sent to the Mayor of Providence and the Director of Public Works.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED

Sabrina Mats PRES.

Shawn Selleck CLERK JLM

Effective without the Mayor's Signature

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Shawn Selleck City Clerk