

CHAPTER 2020-17

No. 162 AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO REFUND TAXPAYERS WHO WERE INCORRECTLY CHARGED LATE REMOVAL FEES FOR GARBAGE RECEPTACLES

Approved May 26, 2020

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

WHEREAS, The Department of Public Works is responsible for enforcing Section 12-63 of the Providence Code of Ordinances, "Garbage, Trash, and Refuse"; and

WHEREAS, On July 28, 2011, Section 12-63 was amended to restructure the fine amounts per violation; and

WHEREAS, According to the December 5, 2019 report by the Internal Auditor, between July 28, 2011 and September 17, 2019, the Department of Public Works improperly issued tickets to Providence residents that did not reflect the reduced fines required by the July 28, 2011 amendment; and

WHEREAS, Providence residents were overcharge in excess of thirty-thousand dollars as a result of the issuance of incorrect tickets by the Department of Public Works between July 28, 2011 and September 17, 2019; and

WHEREAS, The City Council and the Internal Auditor have consistently requested the Mayor's Administration provide updated information on the steps being taken to reimburse Providence residents were overcharged as a result of the incorrect ticketing; and

WHEREAS, The Administration has failed to reimburse any Providence residents who were impacted by the incorrect ticketing.

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

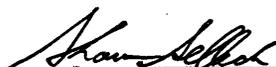
Section 1. Within ten (10) days from the date of passage of this Ordinance, the Director of Public Works shall furnish a report to the City Council and Internal Auditor that identifies all Providence residents who were improperly charged for violations of Section 12-63, including the amount owed to each resident, and establishes a plan to reimburse said residents.

Section 2. The Finance Director shall begin reimbursing the Providence residents identified pursuant to the report identified in Section 1 of this Ordinance within forty-five (45) days from the date of passage of this Ordinance.

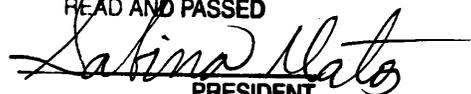
Section 3. Within ninety (90) days from the date of passage of this Ordinance, the Director of Public Works and Finance Director shall provide a report to the City Council outlining the progress in reimbursing all Providence residents identified pursuant to Section 1, and further identify the required steps needed to complete the reimbursement process.

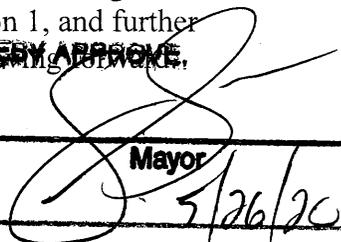
Section 4. This Ordinance shall be effective upon passage.

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FIRST READING
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FINAL READING
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 PRESIDENT
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HEREBY APPROVE

Mayor
Date: 5/26/20