

City of Providence
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 53

EFFECTIVE February 17, 2020

WHEREAS, Affordable housing is an essential part of safe, resilient, healthy, and dynamic neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 13, Article III of the Providence Code of Ordinances establishes the Providence Affordable Housing Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS, The Providence Affordable Housing Trust Fund provides funding for the purpose of funding construction, development or financing mechanisms of affordable housing for families earning less than one hundred twenty (120) percent of the median income for the City; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Rhode Island General Law §44-25-1, et. seq., the City of Providence collects a real estate conveyance tax at a rate of \$2.30 for every \$500 of value on real property sold within the municipality where residential and commercial properties are located; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island General Law §44-25-1, et. seq., allows the City of Providence to retain \$1.10 of every \$2.30 of real estate conveyance tax imposed; and

WHEREAS, According to the Internal Auditor, the City of Providence, during fiscal years 2010-2019, has retained \$16,016,135.76 through the collection of the state's real estate conveyance tax and has retained \$1,679,397.79 from July-December in fiscal year 2020; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence has not allocated any revenue derived from the state's real estate conveyance tax toward affordable housing initiatives, projects or construction from 2010-2019, according to the Internal Auditor; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence does not currently allocate any of its real estate conveyance tax revenue to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

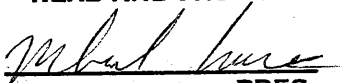
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council does hereby request that the Mayor of Providence include in his Fiscal Year 2021 budget submission a provision allocating fifty percent (50%) of all retained real estate conveyance taxes to the Providence Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

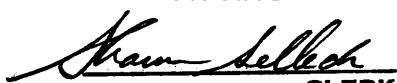
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the Mayor of Providence, the Providence Finance Director, Tax Assessor, Tax Collector, City Treasurer, and Internal Auditor.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED


ACTING PRES.


CLERK

Effective without the
Mayor's Signature



Shawn Selleck
City Clerk