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THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No.

Approved

WHEREAS, The City Council understands that historic Commercial, Industrial and Mill Buildings are a treasured part of Providence's heritage, and

WHEREAS, These buildings, throughout the history of this city and to this day, have been an integral component to the economic viability of their respective neighborhoods, and

WHEREAS, Costly construction methods of today render these buildings irreplaceable, and

WHEREAS, These buildings are considered by many to be symbols of the formidable industries that once supported neighborhood growth in Providence, and

WHEREAS, Many of these buildings continue to provide space not only for artists but for neighborhood based retail outlets and manufacturing concerns, and

WHEREAS, Many consider these buildings, because of their adaptability, to be the future of Providence, and

WHEREAS, The City Council recognizes that these buildings are now facing undue development pressures including the threat of demolition and replacement with parking and banal "big box" architecture, and

WHEREAS, Existing zoning and development controls on these buildings and their sites may be inadequate and/or inappropriate to protecting them from these undue development pressures to the extent that neighborhood character and quality of life is in jeopardy, and

WHEREAS, The City has no available remedy to protect these buildings through the existing Zoning Ordinance, and

WHEREAS, The Department of Planning and Development is requested to assist the aforementioned Council Member in the preparation of said remedy, and

WHEREAS, The Department of Planning and Development may, in the preparation of said remedy, make specific planning and zoning recommendations to the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council resolves that no permit for the demolition of a building that is in whole or in part fifty years or more old and contains more than 10,000 square feet of gross floor area shall be issued. This moratorium is imposed immediately upon approval of this Resolution by His Honor the Mayor. The moratorium shall end on a date exactly six (6) months from the date of such approval.

The Resolution shall take effect immediately.

IN CITY COUNCIL

JAN 4 2001

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Michael R. Cleary
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