

A N N A L R E P O R T

OF THE

B U R E A U O F L I C E N S E S

Year ending December 31, 1958.

Honorable Walter H. Reynolds  
Mayor of Providence  
City Hall, Providence, R. I.

Dear Mayor Reynolds:

The Bureau of Licenses submits herewith a report of its activities for the year ending December 31, 1958.

The Bureau has authorized the issuance of 13,245 licenses of various types, has held approximately one hundred informal hearings, and there were one hundred and forty-two licensees warned for minor violations without hearings. The Bureau conducted twenty-nine hearings at which licensees violating the provisions of the law and the Rules and Regulations of the Bureau of Licenses have been summoned before the Bureau and disposition made of the cases as follows:

Licenses suspended

5 Class A - Retailer's  
3 Class B - Victualer  
8 Class C - Beverage  
1 Hackney Carriage Driver  
4 Sunday Sales  
21 Total

Licensees Reprimanded

1 Employment Agency  
1 Class C - Beverage  
1 Class D - Club  
1 Second-Hand Store

Miscellaneous

- 1 Class B - Victualer  
Charge filed - Witnesses did not appear.
- 1 Class B - Victualer  
Licensee found incompetent, son appointed  
guardian and permitted to continue the business.
- 1 Second-Hand Store  
Business liquidated following hearing.
- 1 Second-Hand Store  
Disposition of case pending.

Fifteen remonstrances filed against the granting of licenses were considered and after investigation by the Police Department were disposed of as follows:

- 9 applications denied
- 3 applications granted
- 2 applicants given leave to withdraw
- 1 application tabled.

The following is a detailed statement of all moneys received for licenses issued during the year ending December 31, 1958:

Intoxicating Beverage Licenses

Class A Retailer's	174	\$87,000.00	
Class B - Tavern	8	12,200.00	
Class B - Victualer	118	117,432.92	
Class B - Limited	2	400.00	
Class C - Beverage	188	94,000.00	
Class D - Club (\$100.)	4	400.00	
Class D - Club (\$250.)	32	8,000.00	
Class E - Druggist	42	420.00	
Class F - 24 Hour	43	430.00	
			\$320,282.92

Business and Non-Business Licenses

Taverns, 1st Class	3	\$ 300.00	
Taverns, 2nd Class	5	375.00	
Taverns, 3rd Class	11	550.00	
Laundry	206	2,060.00	
Sunday Sales	822	8,260.00	
Parking, Sundays	35	1,060.00	
Hawkers & Peddlers	107	495.00	
Junk Gatherers	12	60.00	
Second Hand Stores	264	6,600.00	
Foundrymen	3	15.00	
Junk Shops	32	800.00	
Pawnbrokers	6	600.00	
Police Constables With Power	23	575.00	
Police Constables Without Power	22	550.00	
Private Detectives	13	325.00	
Permit to Carry Weapons	27	54.00	
Hackney Carriage Power Vehicle	180	1,800.00	
Hackney Carriage Drivers	494	494.00	
Vehicle Licenses	286	572.00	
Intelligence Office, 1st Class	12	600.00	
Intelligence Office, 3rd Class	1	5.00	
Show and Dance	1,766	12,448.00	
Pool Tables	11	625.00	
Bowling Alleys	18	1,042.50	
Athletic Exhibitions on Sunday	31	274.00	
Bingo	348	2,328.00	
Explosives	1	2.00	
			42,869.50

CITY LICENSES, State of Rhode Island

Pool Tables		\$625.00	
Bowling Alleys		<u>1,042.50</u>	1,667.50
<u>Dog Licenses</u>			
Dogs	3,864	5,674.60	
Kennels	11	<u>110.00</u>	5,784.60
<u>Badge and Plate Fund</u>			
Peddlers Badges	193	96.50	
Junk Gatherers Badges	32	16.00	
Police Constable Badges	2	1.00	
Newsboys Badges	58	14.50	
Hack. Carriage Drivers Badges	494	247.00	
Hack. Carriage Markers	180	90.00	
Truck Markers	287	143.50	
Peddlers Tags for 1 day licenses	<u>10</u>	<u>2.00</u>	610.50
<u>Departmental Credits:</u>			
Transfer Licenses	150	2,135.00	
Certificate of Lost Licenses	6	12.00	
Registration Fees on Dog Licenses	<u>3,864</u>	<u>579.60</u>	2,726.60
Totals	1,256	13,245	\$373,941.62

Respectfully submitted,

*Joseph L. Scenic*

Chairman and Secretary,  
Bureau of Licenses.

**IN CITY COUNCIL**

**FEB 5 - 1959**

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*Everett Whelan*  
CLERK

ANNUAL REPORT

DIVISION OF MINIMUM HOUSING STANDARDS

CITY OF PROVIDENCE

January 1, 1958 to January 1, 1959

Austin C. Daley  
Director

February 3, 1959

The Honorable Walter H. Reynolds, Mayor  
The Honorable City Council  
of the City of Providence  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 3715,  
Public Laws of 1956; Section 2.8 of Chapter 1040, Ordinances  
of 1956, the Division of Minimum Housing Standards submits  
herewith its Annual Report.

Respectfully yours,



Austin C. Daley  
Director

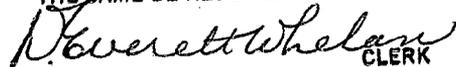
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Following the completion of the survey of housing in census tracts Nos. 16, 17 and 18 in the west side of Providence, the field work was shifted to a portion of census tract No. 31. The purpose of this move was to bring up to standards the area immediately north and east of the new Lippitt Hill Project.

When this work on the east side of the city was completed a survey was started and completed in census tract No. 14, which is contiguous to the previously surveyed tract No. 16.

The objective of this system of tract selection is to complete a mid-city swing, counter-clockwise from the Silver Lake section. The purpose behind this program is to endeavor to correct creeping blight in a circular belt situated roughly between downtown Providence and the finer residential communities on the outer edges of the city.

The past year has been most rewarding as to degree of property owner cooperation and effort. At least 95% of the property owners have corrected or made a whole-hearted effort to correct the violations cited on notices sent to them. This splendid response has been a boon to departmental morale.

For these happy results full credit once again must be given to the staff of field inspectors. These men have exercised commendable diplomacy in handling a difficult assignment and their relations with occupants and owners have been consistently pleasant.

Since the field inspectors make the direct contact with the public it is their task to "sell" the program as well as to find violations. A clear manifestation of their salesmanship was realized in three months, when 21 out of 61 houses on one street were completely refurbished including new paint jobs!

As usual many hearings were held before the director and all but two were settled by this method. These two carried their appeals to the Housing Board of Review, but, after another hearing the Review Board sustained the decisions of this department.

During this past year the department completed a photographic library of "before and after" transparencies. An illustrated lecture program, utilizing twin projectors, was then inaugurated and the Director made 13 appearances before civic, fraternal and professional groups to explain the program. A question period is held following the dual slide presentation and this lecture schedule has been an effective means of acquainting people with the work and objectives of this department. Interest in housing rehabilitation is increasing throughout the state and the Director also gave slide lectures in Cranston, Warwick and Central Falls.

The local press has been enthusiastic in its support of the program and has helped greatly in making the people aware of its value.

As usual the Minimum Standards Division enjoyed full cooperation from the Building Inspection, Health and Fire Departments. Detected violations of their codes are reported directly to them and correction progress has been good.

The people of Providence are now more fully acquainted with their Minimum Housing Standards Division and their reaction to it has been heart warming. With the vigorous and warm endorsement given by religious, civic and business leaders in Providence this department looks forward to a successful and happy year in its efforts to give decent housing to all our citizens.

MINIMUM HOUSING DIVISION FIELD INSPECTIONS

January 1, 1958 to December 31, 1958

Dwelling Units. . . . .	5473
Reinvestigations. . . . .	4514
Complaint Investigations. . . . .	<u>276</u>
Total. . . . .	10,263

BUDGET EXPENDITURE

<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>1957-1958</u>	<u>1958-1959</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
ITEM O Personal Serv.	44,223.00	11,107.75	55,330.75
ITEM I Services other than personal	7,665.00	3,500.00	11,165.00
ITEM II Materials and Supplies	600.00	212.50	812.50
ITEM V Equipment	275.00	100.00	375.00

Examples of housing improvements effected by  
Minimum Housing Division in 1958

New lavatory basins installed . . . . .	140
Defective lavatory basins corrected. . . . .	78
Bathing facilities installed* . . . . .	77
Hot water facilities installed* . . . . .	156
Electric convenience outlets installed . . . . .	2680
Improper wiring corrected . . . . .	601
Inadequate egress corrected. . . . .	222
Foundations repaired. . . . .	82
Houses painted . . . . .	252
Inside stairways repaired . . . . .	131
Outside stairways repaired . . . . .	83
Porches repaired . . . . .	120
Plumbing facilities corrected. . . . .	640
Accessory structures repaired or razed. . . . .	215
Cellars cleaned of debris. . . . .	173
Yards cleaned of debris . . . . .	115

\* Not mandatory until September 8, 1959

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE  
ON

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CLAIMS AND PENDING SUITS

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE

GENTLEMEN:

Your Committee on Claims and Pending Suits respectfully reports relative to the number of cases in which settlements were recommended for the quarter ended December 31, 1958. Your Committee has recommended settlement in thirty-one cases.

Respectfully submitted,

For the Committee,

*John Ferreira*  
JOHN FERREIRA,  
CHAIRMAN.

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Mrs. Bessie Scoliard (sidewalk)	\$ 375.00
Wheatley Enterprises Inc. and Evans Findings Company (property)	5,000.00
Leonard Gath (property)	4,600.00
Richard James Tanzi (highway)	350.00
Adelchi DiDomenico (collision)	88.50
Wilfrid G. Laliberte (collision)	50.00
Raymond E. Doran (collision)	85.00
Joseph Famiglietti (collision)	450.00
Theresa Nalibow (sidewalk)	150.00
Dr. A. F. Balzofiore (collision)	15.47
Murdoch & Hatch Motor Trans. Inc. (collision)	20.00
Mrs. Frederick Belford (sidewalk)	75.00
John W. Iasimone (collision)	175.00
Victor D'Alfonso & Mary D'Alfonso (highway)	150.00
Michael J. Konopka (collision)	60.00
Bernice R. Hahn (refund)	86.05
John J. Bates (collision)	50.00
Concessions Inc. (collision)	47.36
Mrs. Marion Araujo (property)	22.16
Mary Bresnahan (collision)	101.00
Lawrence Stokes (collision)	75.26
Napoleon P. Giroux (highway)	15.00
Eleanor M. Braney (highway)	100.00
Mrs. George Rose (refund)	10.00
Edward Kubicki (collision)	50.00
Marie Troiano (sidewalk)	500.00
Robert Kilkenny (collision)	1,000.00
Edmond LaFleur (collision)	500.00
Mrs. Nora Duff (highway)	50.00
Martha Chakoian (sidewalk)	150.00
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	\$14,400.80

To The Honorable Walter H. Reynolds, Mayor

To The Honorable The City Council

Annual Report of the  
Department of Public Welfare for the  
Twelve Months Ended September 30, 1958

February 5, 1959

To The Honorable Mayor, Walter H. Reynolds, and The  
Honorable The City Council of the City of Providence:

In compliance with the Ordinances of the City of  
Providence, I submit herewith the Annual Report of  
the Department of Public Welfare for the twelve months  
ended September 30, 1958.

I am grateful for the counsel, understanding and en-  
couragement, extended me during the year.

Respectfully,  
*James T. Mc Govern*  
Director of Public Welfare

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STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 1958

	<u>Personal Services</u>	<u>Services Other Than Personal</u>	<u>Materials &amp; Supplies</u>	<u>Special Items</u>	<u>Equipment Outlay</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Welfare Activities						
Welfare Administration	\$46,160.70	\$ 256.93	\$ 338.49			\$ 46,756.12
General Public Assistance Administration	270,484.26	63,467.70	10,096.82		2,858.14	346,906.92
General Public Assistance Home Relief		<u>258,274.43</u>	<u>160,511.71</u>	<u>1,663,846.34</u>		<u>2,082,632.48</u>
Total Welfare Activities	\$316,644.96	\$321,999.06	\$170,947.02	\$1,663,846.34	\$2,858.14	\$2,476,295.52

DETAILS OF EXPENDITURES

For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 1958

Welfare Activities

Welfare Administration

Personal Services

001 Salaries - Permanent Positions  
002 Salaries - Temporary Positions  
Total

\$46,062.60  
98.10

\$46,160.70

Services Other Than Personal

109 Fees Not Otherwise Classified - Including  
Automobile Registration and Licenses  
115 Transportation of Persons - Conventions  
117 Travel Subsistence - Conventions  
114 Repairs to Automobiles and Trucks (Municipal Garage)  
Total

2.00  
38.15  
156.00  
60.78

256.93

Materials and Supplies

211 Motor Fuel  
212 Lubricants  
213 Tires and Tubes  
Total

281.43  
6.85  
50.21

338.49

Total Welfare Administration

\$46,756.12

DETAILS OF EXPENDITURES

For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 1958

General Public Assistance - Administration

Personal Services		
001 Salaries - Permanent Positions		<u>\$270,484.26</u>
Total		\$270,484.26
Services Other Than Personal		
102 Medical Services	75.00	
109 Fees Not Otherwise Classified - Including Automobile Registration and Licenses	859.62	
111 Telephone and Telegraph	6,711.83	
112 Postage, Freight and Express	1,936.00	
114 Automobile Allowance	480.00	
115 Transportation of Persons - Conventions	171.60	
116 Transportation (Social Workers)	632.02	
117 Travel Subsistence - Conventions	135.00	
121 Printed Reports	627.34	
131 Heat, Light and Power	4,157.14	
134 Water - Payment to Water Supply Board	164.94	
141 Repairs to Office Machinery, Furniture and Furnishings	370.29	
149 Repairs to Other Equipment	154.40	
150 Repairs to Buildings	46,018.42	
161 Rental of Office Machinery and Equipment	3.60	
163 Rental of Other Equipment	252.00	
164 Equipment Rentals (Public Works Revolving Fund)	82.50	
181 Laundry and Cleaning	117.00	
183 Dues and Subscriptions	66.75	
199 Miscellaneous Services Not Otherwise Classified	452.25	
Total		63,467.70

DETAILS OF EXPENDITURES - continued

For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 1958

Materials and Supplies		
201 Stationery, Printed Forms and Office Supplies	\$3,589.32	
222 Repair Parts and Supplies for Plant Equipment	14.50	
232 Pharmaceuticals	63.68	
241 Fuel	4,899.46	
244 Household Supplies and Minor Equipment	1,259.97	
259 Landscaping Supplies	1.00	
266 Lumber and Hardware	18.03	
267 Paint and Painter's Supplies	52.18	
268 Plumbing and Electrical Supplies	180.44	
269 Construction and Maintenance Materials	4.30	
299 Miscellaneous Materials and Supplies	13.94	
Total		10,096.82
Capital Outlay		
501 Office Furniture, Machinery and Equipment	2,758.50	
502 Books, Maps and Charts	99.64	
Total		2,858.14
Total		\$285,906.92

DETAILS OF EXPENDITURES

For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 1958

General Public Assistance - Home Relief Grants

Services Other Than Personal	
102 Medical Services	\$53,413.67
116 Transportation	253.32
131 Heat, Light and Power	23.72
169 Rentals Not Otherwise Classified	1,834.47
184 Hospitalization	183,494.83
185 Burials	19,216.92
199 Miscellaneous Services Not Otherwise Classified	37.50
Total	<u>\$258,274.43</u>

Materials and Supplies

204 Wearing Apparel and Personal Supplies	63.89
231 Medical, Chemical and Laboratory Supplies	10,555.62
232 Pharmaceuticals	43,465.36
241 Fuel	2,782.03
242 Food	103,443.10
244 Household Supplies and Minor Equipment	91.71
299 Miscellaneous Materials and Supplies	110.00
Total	<u>160,511.71</u>

Special Items

351 Cash Direct Relief	1,663,846.34
Total	<u>1,663,846.34</u>
Total - General Public Assistance - Home Relief Grants	<u><u>\$2,082,632.48</u></u>

GRAND TOTAL - WELFARE ACTIVITIES

\$2,476,295.52

BUREAU OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS

October 1, 1957 to September 30, 1958

CASH RECEIVED

Non-support of Minor Children	\$32,522.92
Illegitimacy - Weekly and Monthly payments for support	19,148.21
Payments for Hospitalization on Illegitimacy Cases	2,860.20
Settlements on Illegitimacy Cases	8,340.00
	<u>\$62,871.33</u>

Complaints

Non-support of Minors	78
Illegitimacy	181

Activity

Arraignments	71
Appeals	3
Capiases	5
Disct'd Cases - Misc. reasons	167
Disct'd Cases - Court	12
Investigating Unit Cases (referrals)	33
Permits to Marry	4
Releases	11
Reciprocal	40
Trials - Hearings	70
Warrants	114

Note - Total Arraignments, Hearings and Trials approximated 181

The Statistics for DEXTER ASYLUM

For Fiscal Year 1957 - 1958

Number of Residents October 1, 1957	4	
Number of Residents Discharged	<u>4</u>	
Remaining October 6, 1957		0
Total Expense for Fiscal Year	\$6,044.47	
Receipts	<u>100.65</u>	
Net Expense	\$5,943.82	

Table showing by months the number of persons admitted, the number discharged, the number of deaths, and the total number remaining.

	Admitted	Discharged	Died	Remaining
October 1957	0	<u>4</u>	0	0
Total	0	4	0	0

DEXTER ASYLUM

For Fiscal Year - 1957 - 1958

<u>Quarter Ending Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Institution Expenses</u>	<u>Other Receipts</u>	<u>Board of Residents</u>	<u>Net Cost</u>
December '57	\$5,343.97		\$26.00	\$5,317.97
March '58	700.50	74.65		625.85
June '58				
September '58				
Total	<u>\$6,044.47</u>	<u>\$74.65</u>	<u>\$26.00</u>	<u>\$5,943.82</u>

Fiscal Year - 1956 - 1957

December '56	\$24,172.16	\$36.01	\$751.09	\$23,385.06
March '57	26,405.82	10.88	1,026.09	25,368.85
June '57	25,144.95	6.30	894.09	24,244.56
September '57	<u>24,030.77</u>	<u>16.00</u>	<u>894.09</u>	<u>23,120.68</u>
Total	\$99,753.70	\$69.19	\$3,565.36	\$96,119.15