

City of Providence
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 255

EFFECTIVE July 27, 2020

WHEREAS, Council members have received numerous calls concerning an increase in rat activity within the City over the past several weeks; and

WHEREAS, In addition to a large rat colony that was recently discovered in the area around Rankin Avenue, which has been reported to the City, there has been a significant increase in the number of rat sightings being reported across the City; and

WHEREAS, Any increase in rat activity is a cause for alarm as rats are extremely effective at transmitting numerous diseases both directly and indirectly to surrounding human populations; and

WHEREAS, Without immediate intervention, the rat infestation issues within the City will continue to increase, thereby degrading the quality of life for local residents and creating a significant public health risk to the City as a whole.

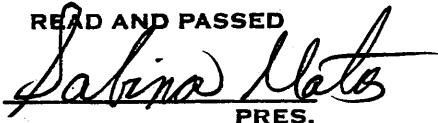
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council requests that the Department of Public Works immediately begin to address the City's rat problem by initiating a baiting schedule to remove all existing colonies or by hiring an outside contractor with the specific task of eliminating all rat colonies within the City forthwith.

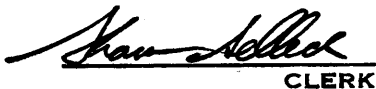
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of Providence and the Director of Public Works.

IN CITY COUNCIL

JUL 16 2020

READ AND PASSED


PRES.


CLERK

Effective without the
Mayor's Signature



Shawn Selleck
City Clerk