

**City of Providence**  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 378

EFFECTIVE October 17, 2016

WHEREAS, Providence City Ordinance Chapter 15 Article VII defines the unlawful operation of snowmobiles and recreational vehicles, such as all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and dirt bikes; and

WHEREAS, When operated unlawfully, snowmobiles and recreational vehicles pose a serious and potentially deadly threat to the pedestrians and motorists of Providence; and

WHEREAS, Many individuals continue to violate the City ordinance by unlawfully operating snowmobiles and recreational vehicles on public roadways; and

WHEREAS, On Saturday September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016, Fernando Serrano died in an accident while operating an unregistered dirt bike in the Mount Pleasant neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, According to the Consumer Federation of America, deaths while operating snowmobiles and recreational vehicles increased 10% during the first six months of 2016 compared to the previous year; and

WHEREAS, According to the aforementioned ordinance, the penalty for using a prohibited vehicle on City streets is a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and forfeiture of the snowmobile or recreational vehicle, as stated, "the Providence Police Department shall be empowered to seize and impound snowmobiles and recreational vehicles,"; and

WHEREAS, The Providence Police Department is charged with the duty to enforce City ordinances in order to bolster public safety and protect the people of Providence; and

WHEREAS, Providence City Councilors have a responsibility to ensure that all ordinances, especially those regarding public safety, are properly enforced; and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council seeks to aid and assist the Providence Police Department as they carry out their difficult and important duties on behalf of the people of Providence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council does hereby request that the Providence Police Department and its officers fully enforce Providence City Ordinance Chapter 15 Article VII; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, a copy of this resolution be sent to the Mayor, the Commissioner of Public Safety, and the Chief of the Providence Police Department.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED

PRES.

CLERK

Effective without the  
Mayor's Signature



Lori L. Hagen  
City Clerk