

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 644

Approved November 21, 2012

WHEREAS, The disposal of unused and expired prescription drugs poses many risks, including but not limited to unintentional misuse, unintentional disclosure of sensitive identifying information on prescription labels and pollutant risk to surface waters such as rivers and lakes; and

WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control, more Rhode Islanders die from accidental prescription drug overdose than any other cause; and

WHEREAS, The Providence Police Department, in conjunction with the Office of Healthy Communities (formerly known as the Mayor's Substance Abuse Prevention Council), has enjoyed tremendous success in safely and anonymously collecting unused and expired prescription drugs through several "Prescription Drug Take Back Days"; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Rhode Island General Law Chapter 21-31, Sec. 21-31-24, Rhode Island cities and towns may authorize the use of municipal police departments to display a container suitable for use as a receptacle for used, expired, or unwanted drugs or drug products.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That The Providence Police Department is hereby authorized by this Council to display a container suitable for use as a receptacle for used, expired or unwanted drugs or drug products, provided that (1) the receptacle shall only permit the deposit of items, (2) the contents shall be locked and secured, (3) the container shall be accessible to the public, (4) the container shall have posted clearly legible signage indicating that expired or unwanted drugs or drug products may be disposed of in the receptacle and (5) the used, expired, or unwanted drugs or drug products disposed of shall not include any controlled substance, as defined in R.I.G.L 21-28-2.08, except as permitted under federal law.

IN CITY COUNCIL

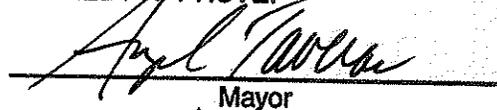
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CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.


Mayor

Date: 11/21/12