



EDWARD F. MORAN  
SUPERINTENDENT

DEPARTMENT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES  
141 FOUNTAIN STREET  
PROVIDENCE 3, RHODE ISLAND

Annual report of the Department of Weights and Measures  
covering the period from October 1, 1954 to September 30,  
1955.

Fees collected and deposited with City Collector-----	\$1799.60
Mileage covered by Supt. and Deputies-----	9,365
Scales tested and sealed-----	4,119
Pumps tested and sealed-----	913
Measures tested and sealed-----	311
Truck scales tested and sealed-----	65
Weighing machines tested and sealed-----	383
Automatic yard measures tested and sealed-----	157
Scales and measures adjusted or condemned-	
Spring scales-----	116
Computing scales-----	223
Truck scales-----	12
Weighing machines-----	14
Five gallon measures-----	8

Many of these scales were later put in operation after  
the necessary repairs had been completed.

This department completed 365 inspections and complaints  
during the past year.

The City Scales weighed 6,411 trucks and deposited with  
the City Collector----- \$1,602.75

The City Scales was closed for a period of seven weeks  
for necessary repairs caused by hurricane Carol.

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Respectfully submitted

*Edward F. Moran*

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Supt. Weights & Measures

JOSEPH C. SCUNCIO

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## BUREAU OF LICENSES

CITY HALL

PROVIDENCE 3, RHODE ISLAND

January 4, 1955.

To the Honorable City Council

Providence, R. I.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 2275 of the Public Laws of 1935, the Bureau of Licenses herewith submits a report of its activities for the quarter ending December 31, 1955:

Intoxicating Beverage Licenses

Class A - Retailer's	175	\$87,500.00	
Class B - Tavern	8	12,200.00	
Class B - Victualling	117	117,000.00	
Class B - Limited	2	400.00	
Class C - Beverage	203	101,500.00	
Class D - Club (\$100.)	5	500.00	
Class D - Club (\$250.)	33	8,250.00	
Class E - Druggist	45	450.00	
Class F - 24 Hour	16	160.00	
			\$327,960.00

Business and Non-Business Licenses

Taverns, 1st Class	3	300.00	
Taverns, 2nd Class	5	375.00	
Taverns, 3rd Class	5	250.00	
Sunday Sales	248	2,480.00	
Parking, Sundays	1	50.00	
Hawkers and Peddlers	11	47.00	
Junk Gatherer	1	5.00	
Second Hand Stores	6	30.00	
Junk Shops	2	50.00	
Police Constables With Power	3	75.00	
Police Constables without Power	11	11.00	
Permit to Carry Weapon	2	4.00	
Hackney Carriage Power Vehicle	13	130.00	
Hackney Carriage Drivers	80	80.00	
Vehicle License (Paid)	15	30.00	
Intelligence Office, 1st Class	1	50.00	
Show and Dance	477	1,647.50	
Athletic Exhibitions on Sunday	13	65.00	
Bingo	104	574.00	
			6,253.50

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January 4, 1956.

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### City Licenses, State of Rhode Island

Show and Dance	\$1,647.50	
Athletic Exhibitions on Sunday	<u>65.00</u>	\$1,712.50

### Dog Licenses

Dogs	107	163.05	163.05
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### Badge and Plate Fund

Peddlers Badges	27	13.50	
Junk Gatherers Badges	8	4.00	
Police Constable Badges	6	3.00	
Newsboys Badges	6	1.50	
Hack. Carriage Drivers Badges	81	40.50	
Hack. Carriage Markers	13	6.50	
Truck Markers	15	7.50	
Peddlers tags for one day lic.	2	<u>.40</u>	76.90

### Departmental Credits

Transfer Licenses	45	49.00	
Registration Fees on Dog Lic.	<u>107</u>	<u>16.05</u>	<u>65.05</u>
158	1,864		\$336,231.00

Respectfully submitted,

For the Bureau of Licenses,

*Joseph C. Scuncio*

Chairman and Secretary.

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Edward M. Flanagan  
Recorder

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CITY OF PROVIDENCE • RHODE ISLAND • Walter H. Reynolds • Mayor

## RECORDER OF DEEDS

CITY HALL

Walter A. Lough  
Deputy Recorder

ANNUAL REPORT  
RECORDER OF DEEDS  
FISCAL YEAR 1954-55

January 9, 1956

Walter H. Reynolds, Mayor  
Executive Chamber  
City Hall  
Providence, R.I.

Dear Mayor:

During the fiscal year 1954-55 the Office of the Recorder of Deeds received for record 20,463 documents including 176 Military Discharges for which no fee was charged.

Our receipts for the same period amounted to \$47,951.70. Expenditures for this period were \$57,677.78.

While it is obvious from a glance at the foregoing figures that the office operated at a deficit of \$9,725.08, it is encouraging to note that our anticipated receipts were but \$35,000, and our anticipated deficit \$22,677.78.

This sizeable increase in revenue was brought about, at our consistent urging, by legislative action in revising our fee basis. The new fee schedule went into effect May 10, 1955.

For over ten years we have repeatedly pleaded for such change in our fee structure, maintaining in many successive annual reports, that the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, offering as it does a specialized service for a certain class of our citizenry, should be supported by them on an increased, and more realistic fee basis, and not dependent on the general tax dollar for maintenance.

The present fiscal year offers us a real opportunity for self-subsistence. I anticipate a workable surplus of receipts over expenditures during the current year.

The modernization of our office, the installation of an up-to-date indexing system, the preservation of our current records by the installation of air-conditioning in our land record room, the removal of many of our older and least used records into State custody, and the substitution therefor of microfilm copies thereof, all are long-standing dreams now about to be realized without the necessity of begging for general tax dollar subsidy for fulfillment.

For the first time during my fifteen year tenure of office, I can feel that this office is on a sound financial basis, which would have been impossible of fulfillment without the sympathetic understanding and ready co-operation of Mayor Reynolds, the several members of the City Council, the Finance Director, and the City Solicitor.

To them and all others who have co-operated with us to realize our dream of a better Record Office, may I extend my thanks.

Respectfully submitted

*Edward M. Flanagan*  
Recorder of Deeds

c.c.:City Clerk

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A N N U 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, 1955.

Honorable Walter H. Reynolds

Mayor of Providence

City Hall, Providence, R. I.

Dear Mayor Reynolds:

The Bureau of Licenses submits for your information a report of its activities for the year ending December 31, 1955.

The Bureau held eighty-three hearings at which licensees violating the provisions of the law, the Rules and Regulations of the Bureau of Licenses, Chief Air Pollution Regulation Engineer or Traffic Regulations, have been summoned before the Bureau and disposition made of cases as follows:

Licenses suspended

9	Class A - Retailer's
24	Class B - Victualer
16	Class C - Beverage
2	Class D - Club
<u>1</u>	Second-hand Store
52	Total

License surrendered in lieu of standing trial

1 Hackney Carriage Driver

License seized by police after it was found in possession of youth other than licensee

1 Peddler

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Licensees reprimanded following hearings

3 Class A - Retailer's

1 Class B - Tavern

8 Class B - Victualer

5 Class C - Beverage

1 Class D - Club

3 Junk Shops

1 Sunday Sales

22 Total

Licensees found Not Guilty following hearing

3 Class A - Retailer's

4 Class B - Victualer

7 Total

No decision in case following hearing

2 Class B - Victualer

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

8 Applications denied  
3 Applications withdrawn  
3 Applications granted  
1 Application tabled



The following is a detailed statement of all moneys received for licenses issued during the year ending December 31, 1955:

Intoxicating Beverage Licenses

Class A - Retailer's	175	\$87,500.00	
Class B - Tavern	8	12,200.00	
Class B - Victualling	118	117,797.30	
Class B - Limited	2	400.00	
Class C - Beverage	206	102,745.25	
Class D - Club (\$100.)	5	500.00	
Class D - Club (\$250.)	34	8,356.90	
Class E - Druggist	45	450.00	
Class F - 24 Hour	50	500.00	\$330,449.45

Business and Non-Business Licenses

Taverns, 1st Class	3	300.00	
Taverns, 2nd Class	5	375.00	
Taverns, 3rd Class	13	650.00	
Sunday Sales	1,007	10,110.00	
Parking, Sundays	37	1,080.00	
Hawkers and Peddlers	138	666.00	
Junk Gatherers	22	110.00	
Second Hand Stores	310	1,550.00	
Foundrymen	4	20.00	
Junk Shops	49	1,225.00	
Pawnbrokers	7	700.00	
Police Constables with Power	22	550.00	
Police Constables without Power and Dog Officer \$5.	74	78.00	
Private Detectives	11	275.00	
Permit to Carry Weapons	21	42.00	
Hack. Carriage Power Vehicle	219	2,190.00	
Hack. Carriage Drivers	662	662.00	
Vehicle License	312	624.00	
Intelligence Office, 1st Class	11	550.00	
Intelligence Office, 3rd Class	1	5.00	
Show and Dance	1,919	7,052.00	
Pool Tables	12	675.00	
Bowling Alleys	23	914.50	
Athletic Exhibitions on Sunday	38	127.50	
Bingo	439	2,399.00	
Explosives	2	4.00	32,934.00

City Licenses, State of Rhode Island

Show and Dance		\$7,052.00	
Pool Tables, etc.		675.00	
Bowling Alleys		914.50	
Athletic Exhibitions on Sunday		<u>127.50</u>	\$8,769.00

Dog Licenses

Dogs	4,202	6,482.30	
Kennels	20	<u>200.00</u>	6,682.30

Badge and Plate Fund

Peddlers Badges	269	134.50	
Junk Gatherers Badges	60	30.00	
Police Constable Badges	17	8.50	
Newsboys Badges	50	12.50	
Hack. Carriage Drivers Badges	664	332.00	
Hack. Carriage Markers	220	110.00	
Truck Markers	311	155.50	
Peddlers Tags for one day license	<u>7</u>	<u>1.40</u>	784.40
	1,598		

Departmental Credits

Transfer Licenses	171	179.00	
Certificate of Lost Licenses	4	8.00	
Registration Fees on Dog Licenses	<u>4,202</u>	<u>630.30</u>	817.30

Total	14,603		\$380,436.45
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Respectfully submitted,

*Joseph L. Sevens*

Chairman and Secretary,  
Bureau of Licenses.

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## REPORT OF THE CITY MESSENGER

For the month of N O V E M B E R

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TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE:

Complying with the provisions of the City Ordinances the undersigned reports to your honorable body the following statement of "the expenditures and liabilities incurred in the care and superintendence of the City Hall and adjacent sidewalks," for the months of

For lighting City Hall,.....	\$ 1 058 71
" power, .....	188 50
" fuel, .....	
" pay-roll of clerks, engineer, fireman, janitors, elevator men, watchman, etc., .....	6 120 84
" supplies, .....	697 93
" salary of City Sergeant and Deputy, .....	934 00
" new furniture, .....	
" furnishings and repairs,.....	
" telephone service, excess calls.....	1 057 83
 Rent - 49 Westminster St.	 300 00
Rent - 112 Union St.	900 00
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Respectfully submitted,

*William Rowley*  
City Sergeant  
Acting as City Messenger.