

# City of Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

## CHAPTER 2002-16

**No.** 375

### **AN ORDINANCE**

IN AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE 2002-5  
APPROVED MARCH 4, 2002 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE IN  
AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE 1992-3 EFFECTIVE MARCH  
9, 1992 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE APPORTIONING THE  
FIFTEEN WARDS, AS AMENDED.

*Approved* June 13, 2002

***Be it ordained by the City of Providence:***

**SECTION 1.** Section 204 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

The City of Providence is hereby apportioned into fifteen wards in accordance with Section 204 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as approved by the Electors of the City of Providence at the General Election held November 4, 1980 and validated by the General Assembly on May 7, 1981.

The fifteen Wards are bounded and described as follows:

#### FIRST WARD

The First Ward of the City of Providence shall consist of all of that part of the City bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of the Providence River and Exchange Terrace; thence northeasterly on Exchange Terrace to Steeple Street; thence continuing northeasterly on Steeple Street to Thomas Street; thence continuing northeasterly on Thomas Street to Angell Street; thence continuing northeasterly on Angell Street to Wayland Avenue; thence southerly on Wayland Avenue to South Angell Street; thence southeasterly on South Angell Street to the Henderson Bridge; thence easterly across Henderson Bridge to the Providence-East Providence boundary line in the Seekonk River; thence southwesterly along the Providence-East Providence boundary line to the Providence River; thence northwesterly through the Providence River to the point of origin.

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CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 2 2002

FIRST READING  
RESOLUTION

Ward Boundaries

Michael R. Clement  
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THE COMMITTEE ON

Ward Boundaries

Recommends - Passage, as Amended

Ann M. Stetson

5-23-02 CLK/K

Amended Apmt, By Request

SECOND WARD

The Second Ward of the City of Providence shall consist of all of that part of the City bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of North Main Street and Olney Street; thence easterly on Olney Street to Morris Avenue; thence northeasterly on Morris Avenue to Rochambeau Avenue; thence easterly on Rochambeau Avenue to Elmgrove Avenue; thence northeasterly on Elmgrove Avenue to Blackstone Boulevard; thence northwesterly on Blackstone Boulevard to Hope Street; thence northerly on Hope Street to the Providence-Pawtucket boundary line; thence easterly along the Providence-Pawtucket boundary line to the Providence-East Providence boundary line in the Seekonk River; thence southerly along the Providence-East Providence boundary line to the Henderson Bridge; thence westerly across the Henderson Bridge to South Angell Street; thence northwesterly on South Angell Street to Wayland Avenue; thence northerly on Wayland Avenue to Angell Street; thence southwesterly on Angell Street to Thomas Street; thence continuing southwesterly on Thomas Street to North Main Street; thence northerly on North Main Street to the point of origin.

THIRD WARD

The Third Ward of the City of Providence shall consist of all of that part of the City bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of Interstate Route 95 and the Providence-Pawtucket boundary line; thence easterly along the Providence-Pawtucket boundary line to Hope Street; thence southerly on Hope Street to Blackstone Boulevard; thence southeasterly on Blackstone Boulevard to Elmgrove Avenue; thence southwesterly on Elmgrove Avenue to Rochambeau Avenue; thence westerly on Rochambeau Avenue to Morris Avenue; thence southwesterly on Morris Avenue to Olney Street; thence westerly on Olney Street to North Main Street; thence northerly on North Main Street to Hewes Street; thence southwesterly on Hewes Street to Stevens Street; thence northwesterly on Stevens Street to Charles Street; thence continuing northwesterly on Charles Street to Interstate Route 95; thence northeasterly on Interstate Route 95 to the point of origin.

FOURTH WARD

The Fourth Ward of the City of Providence shall consist of all of that part of the City bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of Douglas Avenue and the Providence-North Providence boundary line; thence northeasterly and southeasterly along the Providence-North Providence boundary line to Interstate Route 95; thence southwesterly on Interstate Route 95 to Charles Street; thence northwesterly on Charles Street to Admiral Street; thence continuing northwesterly on Admiral Street to Fillmore Street; thence southwesterly on Fillmore Street to Wiley Street; thence northwesterly on Wiley Street to a line extended southwesterly to Douglas Avenue; thence southwesterly along that line (boundary line between census blocks 440070026002011, 440070026002012, and 440070027003011) to Douglas Avenue; thence northwesterly on Douglas Avenue to Corina Street; thence northeasterly on Corina Street to Appian Street; thence northwesterly on Appian Street to Corina Street; thence northeasterly on Corina Street to Glasgow Street; thence southeasterly on Glasgow Street to Anchor Street; thence northeasterly on Anchor Street to Yorkshire Street; thence southeasterly on Yorkshire Street to Hawkins Street; thence northeasterly on Hawkins Street to Louisquisset Pike; thence northwesterly on Louisquisset Pike to Branch Avenue; thence continuing northwesterly on Branch Avenue to Veazie Street; thence southwesterly on Veazie Street to Concannon Street; thence westerly on Concannon Street to Douglas Avenue; thence northwesterly on Douglas Avenue to the point of origin.

FIFTH WARD

The Fifth Ward of the City of Providence shall consist of all of that part of the City bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of the Providence-North Providence boundary line and Wanskuck Avenue; thence southeasterly on Wanskuck Avenue to Gentian Avenue; thence southwesterly on Gentian Avenue to Isabella Avenue; thence easterly on Isabella Avenue to Enfield Avenue; thence southerly on Enfield Avenue to Smith Street; thence southeasterly on Smith Street to River Avenue; thence northerly on River Avenue to Eaton Street; thence southeasterly on Eaton Street to Oakland Avenue; thence southwesterly on Oakland Avenue to Pleasant Valley Parkway; thence northwesterly on Pleasant Valley Parkway to Garfield Avenue; thence westerly and

southerly on Garfield Avenue to Chalkstone Avenue; thence westerly on Chalkstone Avenue to a line extended northerly to Providence College Access Road; thence northerly along that line (boundary line between census blocks 440070024005016 and 440070024005015) to College Access Road; thence westerly on College Access Road to the Providence-North Providence boundary line; thence northeasterly along the Providence-North Providence boundary to the point of origin.

#### SIXTH WARD

The Sixth Ward of the City of Providence shall consist of all of that part of the City bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of the Providence-Johnston boundary line and the Providence-North Providence boundary line; thence northeasterly along the Providence-North Providence boundary line to College Access Road; thence easterly on College Access Road to a line extended southerly to Chalkstone Avenue; thence southerly along that line (boundary line between census blocks 440070024005016 and 440070024005015) to Chalkstone Avenue; thence easterly on Chalkstone Avenue to Academy Avenue; thence southerly on Academy Avenue to Atwells Avenue; thence westerly on Atwells Avenue to Putnam Street; thence southerly on Putnam Street to Amherst Street; thence westerly on Amherst Street to Pope Street; thence southwesterly on Pope Street to Manton Avenue; thence southeasterly on Manton Avenue to Pelham Street; thence southwesterly on Pelham Street to Aleppo Street; thence northwesterly on Aleppo Street to Bosworth Street; thence southwesterly on Bosworth Street to the Woonasquatucket River; thence northwesterly and southwesterly along the Woonasquatucket River to United States Route 6; thence northwesterly on United States Route 6 to Glenbridge Avenue; thence northeasterly on Glenbridge Avenue to the Woonasquatucket River; thence northwesterly along the Woonasquatucket River to the Providence-Johnston boundary line; thence northwesterly along the Providence-Johnston boundary line to the point of origin.

SEVENTH WARD

The Seventh Ward of the City of Providence shall consist of all of that part of the City bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of the Providence-Johnston boundary line and the Woonasquatucket River; thence southeasterly along the Woonasquatucket River to Glenbridge Avenue; thence southwesterly on Glenbridge Avenue to United States Route 6; thence southeasterly on United States Route 6 to Plainfield Avenue; thence westerly on Plainfield Avenue to Laban Street; thence northwesterly on Laban Street to Webster Avenue; thence southerly on Webster Avenue to Pocasset Avenue; thence southwesterly on Pocasset Avenue to Laurel Hill Avenue; thence southerly on Laurel Hill Avenue to Terrace Avenue; thence southeasterly on Terrace Avenue to the Providence-Cranston boundary line; thence westerly along the Providence-Cranston boundary line to the Providence-Johnston boundary line; thence northwesterly and easterly along the Providence-Johnston boundary line to the point of origin.

EIGHTH WARD

The Eighth Ward of the City of Providence shall consist of all of that part of the City bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of Rhode Island Route 10 and Union Avenue; thence easterly on Union Avenue to Service Road; thence northerly on Service Road to a line extended southeasterly to Union Avenue; thence southeasterly along that line (boundary line between census blocks 440070013003009 and 440070013003008) to Union Avenue; thence northeasterly on Union Avenue to Messer Street; thence southeasterly on Messer Street to Hanover Street; thence continuing southeasterly on Hanover Street to Dexter Street; thence northeasterly on Dexter Street to Cromwell Street; thence easterly on Cromwell Street to Elmwood Avenue; thence southeasterly on Elmwood Avenue to Rhode Island Route 10; thence southeasterly on Rhode Island Route 10 to the Providence-Cranston boundary line; thence northwesterly along the Providence-Cranston boundary line to Rhode Island Route 10; thence northerly on Rhode Island Route 10 to the point of origin.

NINTH WARD

The Ninth Ward of the City of Providence shall consist of all of that part of the City bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of Elmwood Avenue and Stanwood Street; thence easterly on Stanwood Street to Public Street; thence northeasterly on Public Street to Broad Street; thence southeasterly on Broad Street to the Providence-Cranston boundary line; thence southwesterly and northwesterly along the Providence-Cranston boundary line to Rhode Island Route 10; thence northwesterly along the Rhode Island Route 10 to Elmwood Avenue; thence continuing northwesterly on Elmwood Avenue to the point of origin.

TENTH WARD

The Tenth Ward of the City of Providence shall consist of all of that part of the City bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of Broad Street and Reynolds Avenue; thence northeasterly on Reynolds Avenue to Prairie Avenue; thence northwesterly on Prairie Avenue to Public Street; thence northeasterly on Public Street and its extension to the Providence-East Providence boundary line in the Providence River; thence southeasterly along the Providence-East Providence boundary line to the Providence-Cranston boundary line; thence westerly along the Providence-Cranston boundary line to Broad Street; thence northwesterly on Broad Street to the point of origin.

ELEVENTH WARD

The Eleventh Ward of the City of Providence shall consist of all of that part of the City bounded by the line beginning at the intersection of Hanover Street and Cranston Street; thence northeasterly on Cranston Street to Westminster Street; thence continuing northeasterly on Westminster Street to Franklin Street; thence southeasterly on Franklin Street to Pond Street; thence northeasterly on Pond Street to Fenner Street; thence northwesterly on Fenner Street to Westminster Street; thence northeasterly on Westminster Street to Union Street; thence southeasterly on Union Street to Middle Street; thence northeasterly on Middle Street to Dorrance Street; thence northwesterly on Dorrance Street to Westminster Street; thence northeasterly on Westminster Street to the

Providence River; thence southeasterly through the Providence River to its extension to Public Street; thence southwesterly on Public Street to Prairie Avenue; thence southeasterly on Prairie Avenue to Reynolds Street; thence southwesterly on Reynolds Street to Broad Street; thence northerly on Broad Street to Public Street; thence southwesterly on Public Street to Stanwood Street; thence westerly on Stanwood Street to Elmwood Avenue; thence northerly on Elmwood Avenue to Hanover Street; thence northwesterly on Hanover Street to Bucklin Street; thence northerly on Bucklin Street to Dexter Street; thence southwesterly on Dexter Street to Hanover Street; thence northwesterly on Hanover Street to the point of origin.

#### TWELFTH WARD

The Twelfth Ward of the City of Providence shall consist of all of that part of the City bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of Academy Avenue and Chalkstone Avenue; thence easterly on Chalkstone Avenue to Garfield Avenue; thence northerly and easterly on Garfield Avenue to Pleasant Valley Parkway; thence southeasterly on Pleasant Valley Parkway to Oakland Avenue; thence northeasterly on Oakland Avenue to Eaton Street; thence easterly on Eaton Street to Douglas Avenue; thence southeasterly on Douglas Avenue to a line extended northeasterly to Wiley Street; thence northeasterly along that line (boundary line between census blocks 440070026002012, 440070026002011, and 440070027003011) to Wiley Street; thence southeasterly on Wiley Street to Fillmore Street; thence northeasterly on Fillmore Street to Admiral Street; thence southeasterly on Admiral Street to Charles Street; thence continuing southeasterly on Charles Street to Stevens Street; thence continuing southeasterly on Stevens Street to Hewes Street; thence northeasterly on Hewes Street to North Main Street; thence southerly on North Main Street to Steeple Street; thence southwesterly on Steeple Street to Exchange Terrace; thence continuing southwesterly on Exchange Terrace to Memorial Boulevard; thence westerly on Memorial Boulevard to Rhode Island Route 10; thence continuing westerly on Rhode Island Route 10 and its extension northerly to Acorn Street; thence northerly on Acorn Street to Promenade Street; thence westerly on Promenade Street to Hemlock Street; thence northwesterly on Hemlock Street to Valley Street; thence southwesterly on Valley Street to Harold Street; thence northerly on Harold

Street to Aurora Street; thence southwesterly on Aurora Street to Rill Street; thence southeasterly on Rill Street to Boyd Street; thence westerly on Boyd Street to Allston Street; thence southerly on Allston Street to Cliff Street; thence westerly on Cliff Street to Cutler Street; thence southerly on Cutler Street to Newark Street; thence westerly on Newark Street to Academy Avenue; thence northerly on Academy Avenue to the point of origin.

### THIRTEENTH WARD

The Thirteenth Ward of the City of Providence shall consist of all of that part of the City bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of Rhode Island Route 10 and the former New York New Haven and Hartford Railroad; thence northeasterly along the former New York New Haven and Hartford Railroad to Rhode Island Route 10; thence southwesterly on Rhode Island Route 10 to Harris Avenue; thence northeasterly on Harris Avenue to Atwells Avenue; thence easterly on Atwells Avenue to Rhode Island Route 10; thence continuing easterly on Rhode Island Route 10 to Memorial Boulevard; thence continuing easterly on Memorial Boulevard to Exchange Terrace; thence northeasterly on Exchange Terrace to the Providence River; thence southeasterly through the Providence River to Westminster Street; thence southwesterly on Westminster Street to Dorrance Street; thence southeasterly on Dorrance Street to Middle Street; thence southwesterly on Middle Street to Union Street; thence northwesterly on Union Street to Westminster Street; thence southwesterly on Westminster Street to Fenner Street; thence southerly on Fenner Street to Pond Street; thence southwesterly on Pond Street to Franklin Street; thence northwesterly on Franklin Street to Westminster Street; thence southwesterly on Westminster Street to Cranston Street; thence continuing southwesterly on Cranston Street to Chapin Avenue; thence westerly on Chapin Avenue to Sycamore Street; thence northerly on Sycamore Street to Wood Street; thence westerly on Wood Street to Messer Street; thence northerly on Wood Street to Westminster Street; thence northeasterly on Westminster Street to Barton Street; thence northerly on Barton Street to Broadway; thence southwesterly on Broadway to Rhode Island Route 10; thence northeasterly on Rhode Island Route 10 to the point of origin.

FOURTEENTH WARD

The Fourteenth Ward of the City of Providence shall consist of all of that part of the City bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of Wansucks Avenue and the Providence-North Providence boundary line; thence northeasterly along the Providence-North Providence boundary line to Douglas Avenue; thence southeasterly on Douglas Avenue to Concannon Street; thence easterly on Concannon Street to Veazie Street; thence northeasterly on Veazie Street to Branch Avenue; thence southeasterly on Branch Avenue to Louisquisset Pike; thence continuing southeasterly on Louisquisset Pike to Hawkins Street; thence southwesterly on Hawkins Street to Yorkshire Street; thence northwesterly on Yorkshire Street to Anchor Street; thence southwesterly on Anchor Street to Glasgow Street; thence northwesterly on Glasgow Street to Corina Street; thence southwesterly on Corina Street to Appian Street; thence southeasterly on Appian Street to Corina Street; thence southwesterly on Corina Street to Douglas Avenue; thence southeasterly on Douglas Avenue to Eaton Street; thence northwesterly on Eaton Street to River Avenue; thence southerly on River Avenue to Smith Street; thence northwesterly on Smith Street to Enfield Avenue; thence northerly on Enfield Avenue to Isabella Avenue; thence westerly on Isabella Avenue to Gentian Avenue; thence northeasterly on Gentian Avenue to Wanskuck Avenue; thence northwesterly on Wanskuck Avenue to the point of origin.

FIFTEENTH WARD

The Fifteenth Ward of the City of Providence shall consist of all of that part of the City bounded by a line beginning at the intersection of United States Route 6 and the Woonasquatucket River; thence northeasterly and southeasterly along the Woonasquatucket River to Bosworth Street; thence northeasterly on Bosworth Street to Aleppo Street; thence southeasterly on Aleppo Street to Pelham Street; thence northeasterly on Pelham Street to Manton Avenue; thence northwesterly on Manton Avenue to Pope Street; thence northeasterly on Pope Street to Amherst Street; thence easterly on Amherst Street to Putnam Street; thence northerly on Putnam Street to Atwells Avenue; thence easterly on Atwells Avenue to Academy Avenue; thence northerly on Academy Avenue to Newark Street; thence easterly on Newark Street to

Cutler Street; thence northerly on Cutler Street to Cliff Street; thence easterly on Cliff Street to Allston Street; thence northerly on Allston Street to Boyd Street; thence easterly on Boyd Street to Rill Street; thence northwesterly on Rill Street to Aurora Street; thence northeasterly on Aurora Street to Harold Street; thence southeasterly on Harold Street to Valley Street; thence northeasterly on Valley Street to Hemlock Street; thence southeasterly on Hemlock Street to Promenade Street; thence easterly on Promenade Street to Acorn Street; thence southerly on Acorn Street and its extension to Rhode Island Route 10; thence westerly on Rhode Island Route 10 to Atwells Avenue; thence continuing westerly on Atwells Avenue to Harris Avenue; thence southwesterly on Harris Avenue to Rhode Island Route 10; thence northeasterly on Rhode Island Route 10 to the former New York New Haven and Hartford Railroad; thence southwesterly on New York New Haven and Hartford Railroad to Rhode Island Route 10; thence southwesterly on Rhode Island Route 10 to Broadway; thence northeasterly on Broadway to Barton Street; thence southerly on Barton Street to Westminster Street; thence westerly on Westminster Street to Messer Street; thence southerly on Messer Street to Wood Street; thence easterly on Wood Street to Sycamore Street; thence southerly on Sycamore Street to Chapin Avenue; thence easterly on Chapin Avenue to Cranston Street; thence southwesterly on Cranston Street to Messer Street; thence northwesterly on Messer Street to Union Avenue; thence southwesterly on Union Avenue to a line extended northwesterly to Service Road; thence northwesterly along that line (boundary line between census blocks 440070013003009 and 440070013003008) to Service Road; thence southerly on Service Road to Union Avenue; thence westerly on Union Avenue to Rhode Island Route 10; thence southerly on Rhode Island Route 10 to Providence-Cranston boundary line; thence northwesterly along the Providence-Cranston boundary line to Terrace Avenue; thence northwesterly on Terrace Avenue to Laurel Hill Avenue; thence continuing northwesterly on Laurel Hill Avenue to Pocasset Avenue; thence northeasterly on Pocasset Avenue to southeasterly on Laban Street to Plainfield Street; thence easterly on Plainfield Street to United States Route 6; thence northwesterly on United States Route 6 to the point of origin.

**SECTION 2.** It shall be understood and intended that in bounding and describing the said Wards, that the said boundary lines of streets, streams, rivers and railroads is meant in all instances the central line of such street, stream, river or railroad, unless the same be otherwise specified.

**SECTION 3.** This Ordinance shall be liberally construed to effectuate the purposes thereof and to apportion the City into fifteen wards in compliance with the Home Rule Charter of the City of Providence. It is intended that the fifteen wards described herein completely encompass all the area within the City and contain all the citizens resident in the City. It is further intended that the ward boundaries provided for in this Ordinance result in the creation of wards containing substantially equal population, that natural boundaries be used and recognized neighborhoods be included within wards without arbitrary divisions thereof, so far as practicable.

**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage; provided, however, that the provisions hereof shall first be effective in connection with elections to be held on or subsequent to the first day of September, 2002, and for the purpose of greater clarity, the first election under the provisions of this Ordinance for City Council Wards hereby created, shall be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, 2002, and the first primary election under the provisions of this Ordinance for nomination of candidates for City Council from each of the fifteen wards shall be held on the second Tuesday after the first Monday in September, 2002, provided, however, that if any of the provisions of this Ordinance or the application of such provision to any court of competent jurisdiction, or if any action performed under any provision of this Ordinance is restrained or enjoined by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall not be deemed impaired or affected thereby but shall be deemed to remain in full force and effect.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
JUN 6 2002  
FIRST READING  
READ AND PASSED  
*Michael R. Clement*

IN CITY COUNCIL  
JUN 10 2002  
FINAL READING  
READ AND PASSED  
*Michael R. Clement*  
PRESIDENT  
APPROVED  
*Michael R. Clement*  
CLERK

JUN 13 2002  
*Vincent A. Cianci*  
MAYOR