

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 95

Approved February 22, 2023

WHEREAS, Over the past few years, there has been an increase in concert activity along the Bold Point Park waterfront, which has resulted in a growing number of complaints from Providence residents regarding ongoing noise pollution along the waterfront between Providence and East Providence; and

WHEREAS, In November of 2022, East Providence local officials announced a new \$30+ Million Dollar East Providence concert venue and outdoor amphitheater on the waterfront near Bold Point Park that could be ready by 2024 and hold 5,000 patrons; and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council passed Resolution No. 313 on July 15, 2021 calling upon the City of East Providence to determine a cohesive and consistent plan of action to mitigate and address concert noise traveling across the Providence River; and

WHEREAS, Further steps of collaboration, including a joint East Providence and Providence public community meeting, were taken to identify and address the noise pollution from Bold Point Park concerts that have adversely affected the quality of life of Providence residents; and

WHEREAS, The City of East Providence is in the process of developing an outdoor amphitheater on the waterfront that, if not constructed properly, would only produce more unwanted and loud noise that will have serious negative effects on neighboring Fox Point/ Providence residents; and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council encourages the City of East Providence to be mindful of the other members of the community and avoid loud, unnecessary, excessive concert noise, as noise pollution can have direct adverse impacts on public health and diminishes the quality of life for surrounding residents; and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council shares the concerns of the members of the East Providence City Council regarding the quality of life issues and is committed to working with our counterparts to ensure that everyone in both cities can have a good time without the intrusion of excessive and offensive noise pollution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby calls upon the City of East Providence to conduct a predicted noise impact assessment/study and determine additional strategies and construction to ensure that Bold Point Park concert noise pollution will not negatively impact the residents of Fox Point.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Mayor of Providence, the Chief of Police, the Honorable Mayor of East Providence, and the members of the East Providence City Council, Rhode Island Waterfront Enterprises, the East Providence Waterfront Commission, and Live Nation New England President Don Law.

IN CITY COUNCIL
JAN 16 2023
READ AND PASSED


RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT

CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.


Mayor

Date: 2/22/2023