

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No.

Approved

WHEREAS, The issuing of full entertainment licenses has proliferated in Ward Thirteen; and

WHEREAS, Many of the licenses are being issued based upon variances granted by the Zoning Board of Review; and

WHEREAS, The large number of licenses has caused great concern among existing business owners and residents living near commercial corridors; and

WHEREAS, An extensive traffic and public safety study has been conducted, and implementation strategies are being developed regarding pedestrian and vehicular safety in the thirteenth ward; and

WHEREAS, A number of recent public safety incidents have called into question the prudence of granting such high numbers of variances for full entertainment licenses, and the frequent granting of full entertainment licenses in areas that are mixed commercial and residential; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence is responsible for the protection and well-being of its residents and visitors, and for providing a safe environment for businesses to thrive, and for visitors to enjoy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby request that the Zoning Board of Review impose a moratorium on the acceptance of new applications to the Zoning Board for full entertainment licenses in Ward Thirteen, and the hearing and granting of pending applications before the Zoning Board for full entertainment licenses in Ward Thirteen.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That such moratorium shall be in effect upon approval of this resolution, through December 31, 2011, or until such time that the Zoning Code is amended to address the concerns detailed in this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon approval, a copy of this ordinance be sent to the Chair of the Zoning Board of Review.