

City of Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

ordinance/appro

CHAPTER 1995-28

No. 711 **AN ORDINANCE** MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF THREE HUNDRED NINE MILLION, NINE HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED NINETY-ONE DOLLARS (\$309,962,691.00) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1996, AS AMENDED.

Approved December 28, 1995

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

SECTION 1. Findings and Declarations.

A. Findings

The City Council finds the following:

1. The provisions of the Providence Home Rule Charter and the Code of Ordinances mandate that a tax levy ordinance be enacted before the end of July.
2. The Finance Director has advised the City Council that the City will be unable to meet its payroll and other obligations after July 31, 1995 unless a levy ordinance is enacted.
3. The Mayor's proposed budget for FY 1996 is balanced with \$21 million in personnel-related reductions in expenditures.
4. The Mayor's proposed reductions were first described in detail in the Mayor's State of the City Address on March 16, 1995 and were reiterated in the Mayor's Budget Address on May 2, 1995.
5. On June 22, 1995, the Mayor met with the various city union officials and informed them of the need to reduce personnel-related expenditures.
6. There are no collective bargaining agreements with city unions in place as of this date.
7. The City provides vital public services, including police protection, fire protection, elementary and secondary education, water distribution, traffic control and other public services which will be curtailed unless sufficient funds are made available for the operation of City government.

No.

CHAPTER
AN ORDINANCE

8. City services are vital to the 160,000 people who live in the City of Providence, as well as the 150,000 additional people who enter Providence on each business day.

9. The City's bond rating is at risk if the City fails to adopt a balanced budget in a timely fashion.

10. In order to avert a "financial calamity," personnel costs must be reduced, notwithstanding the fact that no collective bargaining agreements have been negotiated and ratified.

11. The City's cost for providing pension and health benefits to retirees has grown from \$12.7 million in FY 1989 to a projected \$29.5 million in FY 1996.

12. The City's retirement fund actuary has revealed that the increase in pension costs was caused primarily by raising the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for Class B employees from 3% simple interest to 5% compound interest, and by adding longevity pay to an employee's base pay in determining final compensation for calculating a pension. These changes went into effect between 1988 and 1991.

13. The cost of health care benefits for retirees has grown for two major reasons: (1) the premium rate has increased by as much as 70% for retiree groups since the late 1980's; (2) the number of city retirees eligible for this benefit was significantly expanded in 1990 when coverage was extended to retired teachers.

14. The City's cost for health care benefits for retirees, including retired teachers, has grown from \$600,000 in FY 1984 to \$2.5 million in FY 1995 and is projected to be \$7 million in FY 1996.

B. Declarations.

It is hereby declared that for the benefit of the people of Providence for their continued health and welfare and the good order of the City of Providence:

1. It is incumbent upon the City Council to enact a tax levy ordinance as well as a balanced budget.

2. It is incumbent upon the City Council to maintain financial stability and provide the uninterrupted flow of vital public services by reducing personnel and other expenditures.

3. It is incumbent upon the City Council to enact ordinances to reduce certain employee and retiree benefits while providing that all current employees will receive a pension benefit no less than that amount they would have accrued as of September 2, 1995.

4. It is incumbent upon the Council to institute a series of reductions in personnel-related expenditures by adopting the following provisions:

(a) That the COLA paid to Class B retirees will be reduced from 5% compound interest to 3% simple interest on the first \$10,000.00 of pension payments. This reduction will apply to all current Class B retirees as well as future Class B retirees.

(b) That the longevity pay earned by employees will no longer be counted in the calculation of their pensions and the final compensation will be based on the average of the highest three years of compensation, not the single highest year. Pension changes will save more than \$6 million every year.

(c) That after September 2, 1995, health care benefits will be provided for the retiree only, not spouses and children.

(d) That for active employees, the City will provide a health care benefit equivalent to Healthmate 2000, so-called, a plan that is 15% less expensive than the present health care benefit. City employees wishing to maintain a health care benefit equivalent to Blue Cross Classic Blue plan may do so by paying the additional cost. These health benefit changes will save approximately \$2 million next year, and more in future years.

(e) That the number of fire fighting companies shall be reduced from 23 to 20, resulting in a reduction of minimum manning from the present 98 to about 87 per shift. This will enable the City to reduce expenditures by approximately \$2 million.

(f) That the positions of approximately 150 City employees who have retired or resigned will be defunded permanently, resulting in a savings of \$5 million.

(g) That major savings will result from no pay increases for employees in FY 1996.

SECTION 2.

WHEREAS, the receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, have been estimated to amount to THREE HUNDRED NINE MILLION, NINE HUNDRED SIXTY TWO THOUSAND, SIX NINETY ONE DOLLARS (\$309,962,691) made up as follows,

Property and Excise Taxes	162,849,949
State Shared Taxes	1,153,229
Business & Non-Business Licenses	3,600,250
Fines, Forfeits & Escheats	2,825,000
School Department:	
Tuition and Other School Revenue	665,800
State-Providence Plan Section 4	0
Federal through R. I.	25,000
State Aid to Education	91,620,550
School Poverty Fund Carry Over	2,222,389
State of R. I. School Debt Construction	4,465,883
State of R. I. General Revenue Sharing	2,973,000
State of R. I. Medicaid Reimbursement	1,200,000
State of R. I. Distressed Cities	3,616,000
State of R. I. Boat Registration Fee	2,783
General Public Assistance - R. I.	444,585
Payment in Lieu of Taxes - R. I.	7,334,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes - Narr. Elec	6,000,000
Donations	5,000
Rents and Interest	3,357,500
General Departments	14,501,773
Transfer from Expendable Trust Fund	0
Transfer from Proprietary Fund	0
Transfer from Special Revenues	1,100,000

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$309,962,691

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE:

To defray the expenses of the City of Providence for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, the sums of money or so much thereof, as are authorized by law, indicated in the accompanying schedule, are hereby appropriated for the objects and purposes, and in amounts expressed therein, provided that payments thereunder shall be subject to the provisions of the Home Rule charter of 1980, validated by the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island at its January Session, A. D. 1981, and approved November 4, 1980, and subject to the provisions of the City Ordinances relative to the expenditures of money from the City Treasury. Fiscal Assistance to State and Local Government rules and regulations shall govern the portion of this Budget so designated.

SECTION 3. The payments to the School Fund of the following estimated receipts included in the appropriation of \$156,408,131 for the support of Public Schools for the City of Providence fiscal period 1995-1996, will be increased or decreased to conform with the actual amounts received from such sources during the City of Providence fiscal year 1995-1996.

Grants-in Aid (R.I. & Federal)	
Vocational Aid	\$25,000
Federal through R. I. (Medicaid)	1,200,000
Poverty Fund Carry Over	2,222,389
State Aid to Education	91,620,550
General Departments- Tuitions, etc.	665,800

SECTION 4. Any transfer to the General Fund from Expendable Trust Funds shall be restricted to and deemed to be utilized for the payment of debt obligations of the City of Providence.

SECTION 5. The provisions of this ordinance shall not be construed as a ratification of any collective bargaining agreement.

SECTION 6. The provisions included in this ordinance supersede any prior ordinances or any provisions thereof.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall be effective retroactively to July 1, 1995.

IN CITY COUNCIL
DEC 7 1995
FIRST READING
READ AND PASSED

Michael R. Clement
CLERK

IN CITY
COUNCIL
DEC 21 1995
FINAL READING
READ AND PASSED

Emelina V. Fargnoli
ACTING PRESIDENT
Michael R. Clement
CLERK

APPROVED
DEC 28 1995
Vincent A. Cianci
MAYOR

MAYOR'S OFFICE

SALARIES	\$783,186
SERVICES	\$63,400
SUPPLIES	\$15,000
OTHER	\$10,000
TOTAL:	\$871,586

CITY COUNCIL

SALARIES	\$205,592
SERVICES	\$183,842
SUPPLIES	\$15,000
OTHER	\$35,000
TOTAL:	\$439,434

CITY CLERK

SALARIES	\$288,273
SERVICES	\$15,628
SUPPLIES	\$4,500
TOTAL:	\$308,401

CITY SERGEANT

SALARIES	\$31,985
SERVICES	\$700
TOTAL:	\$32,685

LAW DEPARTMENT

SALARIES	\$894,182
SERVICES	\$296,500
SUPPLIES	\$4,500
OTHER	\$900,000
CAPITAL	\$14,500
TOTAL:	\$2,109,682

MUNICIPAL COURT

SALARIES	\$270,142
SERVICES	\$39,900
SUPPLIES	\$1,000
OTHER	\$0
TOTAL:	\$311,042

PROBATE COURT

SALARIES	\$170,410
SERVICES	\$2,725
SUPPLIES	\$1,300
CAPITAL	\$0
TOTAL:	\$174,435

CONTINGENCIES

SERVICES	\$40,000
TOTAL:	\$40,000

HOUSING COURT

SALARIES	\$183,656
SERVICES	\$1,300
SUPPLIES	\$2,250
OTHER	\$0
CAPITAL	\$500
TOTAL:	\$187,706

COUNCIL CONTINGENCY

OTHER	\$127,668
TOTAL:	\$127,668

COUNCIL EDUCATION FUND

OTHER	\$0
TOTAL:	\$0

FINANCE

SALARIES	\$173,915
SERVICES	\$76,082
SUPPLIES	\$750
TOTAL:	\$250,747

CONTROLLER'S

SALARIES	\$689,287
SERVICES	\$12,200
SUPPLIES	\$4,000
CAPITAL	\$500
TOTAL:	\$705,987

RETIREMENT

SALARIES	\$178,380
SERVICES	\$305,125
SUPPLIES	\$2,000
TOTAL:	\$485,505

DATA PROCESSING

SALARIES	\$77,821
SERVICES	\$693,955
SUPPLIES	\$210,000
CAPITAL	\$490,152
TOTAL:	\$1,471,928

COLLECTOR'S

SALARIES	\$538,895
SERVICES	\$921,250
SUPPLIES	\$5,000
OTHER	\$0
CAPITAL	\$500
TOTAL:	\$1,465,645

ASSESSOR'S

SALARIES	\$812,393
SERVICES	\$147,200
SUPPLIES	\$4,000
CAPITAL	\$1,500
TOTAL:	\$965,093

BOARD OF TAX ASSESSMENT REVIEW

TOTAL:	\$0
--------	-----

TREASURER'S

SALARIES	\$134,101
SERVICES	\$22,300
SUPPLIES	\$2,000
OTHER	\$16,000
TOTAL:	\$174,401

APPROPRIATION RESERVE

TOTAL:	\$0
--------	-----

PERSONNEL

SALARIES	\$337,478
SERVICES	\$140,000
SUPPLIES	\$3,000
OTHER	\$15,000
CAPITAL	\$700
TOTAL:	\$496,178

HEAT, LIGHT & POWER

SERVICES	\$2,725,000
TOTAL:	\$2,725,000

LABOR LAWYER

SERVICES	\$0
TOTAL:	\$0

EMERGENCY/TEMPORARY/SEASONAL

TOTAL:	\$0
--------	-----

RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION

OTHER	\$13,341,681
TOTAL:	\$13,341,681

ELECTED OFFICIALS

OTHER	\$109,000
TOTAL:	\$109,000

POLICE PENSION

OTHER	\$70,000
TOTAL:	\$70,000

FIRE PENSIONS

OTHER	\$73,000
TOTAL:	\$73,000

LABORERS' INT. LEGAL FEES

OTHER	\$410,000
TOTAL:	\$410,000

LABORERS' PENSION FUND

OTHER	\$1,100,000
TOTAL:	\$1,100,000

HEALTH SERVICES

SERVICES	\$90,000
OTHER	\$140,000
TOTAL:	\$230,000

RETIREMENT SERIAL BONDS

OTHER	\$15,464,616
TOTAL:	\$15,464,616

INTEREST ON DEBT

OTHER	\$7,146,370
TOTAL:	\$7,146,370

FICA

OTHER	\$2,400,000
TOTAL:	\$2,400,000

MEDICAL INSURANCE

OTHER	\$12,755,000
TOTAL:	\$12,755,000

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

SERVICES	\$325,000
OTHER	\$675,000
TOTAL:	\$1,000,000

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

OTHER	\$100,000
TOTAL:	\$100,000

RESERVE FOR TAX ABATEMENTS

OTHER	\$500,000
TOTAL:	\$500,000

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY

SALARIES	\$394,407
SERVICES	\$200
SUPPLIES	\$200
OTHER	\$100,000
TOTAL:	\$494,807

POLICE DEPARTMENT

SALARIES	\$22,347,954
SERVICES	\$1,613,450
SUPPLIES	\$723,000
CAPITAL	\$545,055
TOTAL:	\$25,229,459

FIRE DEPARTMENT

SALARIES	\$22,275,316
SERVICES	\$1,334,250
SUPPLIES	\$808,200
CAPITAL	\$1,132,439
TOTAL:	\$25,550,205

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS

SALARIES	\$3,088,639
SERVICES	\$518,600
SUPPLIES	\$83,300
CAPITAL	\$161,213
TOTAL:	\$3,851,752

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

SALARIES	\$448,521
SERVICES	\$151,725
SUPPLIES	\$34,950
CAPITAL	\$167,916
TOTAL:	\$803,112

BUILDING INSPECTION ADMINISTRATION

SALARIES	\$511,606
SERVICES	\$497,965
SUPPLIES	\$9,150
CAPITAL	\$4,000
TOTAL:	\$1,022,721

STRUCTURES & ZONING

SALARIES	\$399,915
SERVICES	\$0
TOTAL:	\$399,915

PLUMBING & GAS PIPING

SALARIES	\$91,183
TOTAL:	\$91,183

ELECTRICAL

SALARIES	\$133,578
SERVICES	\$0
TOTAL:	\$133,578

MECHANICAL

SALARIES	\$138,319
TOTAL:	\$138,319

ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW

SALARIES	\$0
SERVICES	\$18,500
TOTAL:	\$18,500

BUILDING BOARD OF REVIEW

SALARIES	\$0
SERVICES	\$0
TOTAL:	\$0

HOUSING BOARD OF REVIEW

SALARIES	\$0
SERVICES	\$0
TOTAL:	\$0

INSPECTION & ENFORCEMENT

SALARIES	\$221,935
TOTAL:	\$221,935

BUILDING INSPECTION PROSECUTION

SALARIES	\$135,807
TOTAL:	\$135,807

UTILITIES & STANDARDS

SALARIES	\$75,361
TOTAL:	\$75,361

PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION

SALARIES	\$351,510
SERVICES	\$18,465
SUPPLIES	\$4,000
CAPITAL	\$500
TOTAL:	\$374,475

ENGINEERING

SALARIES	\$251,897
SERVICES	\$4,200
SUPPLIES	\$1,000
TOTAL:	\$257,097

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

SALARIES	\$578,795
SERVICES	\$5,036,100
SUPPLIES	\$2,000
TOTAL:	\$5,616,895

HIGHWAY

SALARIES	\$912,434
SERVICES	\$124,490
SUPPLIES	\$190,300
CAPITAL	\$529,770
TOTAL:	\$1,756,994

BRIDGE MAINTENANCE

SALARIES	\$170,725
SUPPLIES	\$5,000
TOTAL:	\$175,725

SNOW REMOVAL

SALARIES	\$175,000
SERVICES	\$100,000
SUPPLIES	\$335,000
TOTAL:	\$610,000

SEWER CONSTRUCTION MAINTENANCE

SALARIES	\$288,140
SERVICES	\$15,000
SUPPLIES	\$36,000
TOTAL:	\$339,140

GARAGE MAINTENANCE

SALARIES	\$185,597
TOTAL:	\$185,597

RECREATION

SALARIES	\$555,076
SERVICES	\$105,100
SUPPLIES	\$58,980
OTHER	\$15,000
TOTAL:	\$734,156

RECREATION/SEASONAL

SALARIES	\$370,000
TOTAL:	\$370,000

CAMP CRONIN

TOTAL:	\$0
--------	-----

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

SALARIES	\$1,970,947
SERVICES	\$219,200
SUPPLIES	\$119,800
OTHER	\$0
CAPITAL	\$159,467
TOTAL:	\$2,469,414

FORESTRY

SALARIES	\$402,210
SERVICES	\$91,750
SUPPLIES	\$9,200
TOTAL:	\$503,160

ZOO

SALARIES	\$945,152
SERVICES	\$37,200
SUPPLIES	\$236,650
CAPITAL	\$6,000
TOTAL:	\$1,225,002

PARKS ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

SALARIES	\$359,081
SERVICES	\$8,250
SUPPLIES	\$1,000
TOTAL:	\$368,331

PARKS PROGRAMMING

SALARIES	\$228,771
SERVICES	\$105,050
SUPPLIES	\$11,500
CAPITAL	\$7,000
TOTAL:	\$352,321

SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS

SALARIES	\$553,696
SERVICES	\$201,400
SUPPLIES	\$28,450
OTHER	\$21,500
TOTAL:	\$805,046

NORTH BURIAL GROUND

SALARIES	\$310,274
SERVICES	\$14,100
SUPPLIES	\$36,600
CAPITAL	\$3,000
TOTAL:	\$363,974

SCHOOL FUND

OTHER	\$156,408,131
TOTAL:	\$156,408,131

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO CITY COUNCIL

SALARIES	\$234,117
SERVICES	\$8,800
SUPPLIES	\$1,000

TOTAL:	\$243,917
--------	-----------

PROVIDENCE REVIEW COMMISSION

SALARIES	\$17,800
SERVICES	\$1,000
SUPPLIES	\$1,100

TOTAL:	\$19,900
--------	----------

ARCHIVES

SALARIES	\$65,008
SERVICES	\$13,900
SUPPLIES	\$2,000
CAPITAL	\$0

TOTAL:	\$80,908
--------	----------

MAYORS COUNCIL ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE

SALARIES	\$92,156
SERVICES	\$10,800
SUPPLIES	\$1,300

TOTAL:	\$104,256
--------	-----------

GPA ADMINISTRATION

SERVICES	\$378,085
SUPPLIES	\$65,500
CAPITAL	\$1,000

TOTAL:	\$444,585
--------	-----------

GENERAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

SERVICES	\$0
SUPPLIES	\$0
OTHER	\$0

TOTAL:	\$0
--------	-----

PROVIDENCE HOUSING AUTHORITY

OTHER	\$50,000
-------	----------

TOTAL:	\$50,000
--------	----------

LEAGUE OF CITIES & TOWNS

SERVICES	\$7,000
----------	---------

TOTAL:	\$7,000
--------	---------

NEIGHBORHOOD TRUST FUND

TOTAL: \$0

COST OF LIVING GRANT

OTHER \$2,600

TOTAL: \$2,600

RELIEF FUND - POLICE/FIRE

TOTAL: \$0

SOLDIERS' BURIALS

TOTAL: \$0

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

TOTAL: \$0

PROVIDENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY

OTHER \$2,322,000

TOTAL: \$2,322,000

RI HISTORICAL SOCIETY

OTHER \$9,000

TOTAL: \$9,000

SHARPE TRUST FUND

OTHER \$14,000

TOTAL: \$14,000

CAPITAL CENTER COMMISSIONS

OTHER \$50,000

TOTAL: \$50,000

PROVIDENCE PLAN COMMISSION

OTHER \$175,000

TOTAL: \$175,000

PROVIDENCE CENTER

OTHER \$254,500

TOTAL: \$254,500

TRANS TO CIVIC/ENTERPRISE

OTHER	\$300,000
TOTAL:	\$300,000

GUN COURT

OTHER	\$250,000
TOTAL:	\$250,000

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

OTHER	\$450
TOTAL:	\$450

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

OTHER	\$250
TOTAL:	\$250

AMERICAN LEGIONS

OTHER	\$250
TOTAL:	\$250

JEWISH WAR VETERANS

OTHER	\$250
TOTAL:	\$250

FOURTH OF JULY

OTHER	\$1,000
TOTAL:	\$1,000

LABOR DAY

OTHER	\$500
TOTAL:	\$500

COLUMBUS DAY

OTHER	\$500
TOTAL:	\$500

VETERANS' DAY

OTHER	\$1,000
TOTAL:	\$1,000

CHRISTMAS

OTHER	\$2,500
TOTAL:	\$2,500

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

OTHER	\$1,000
TOTAL:	\$1,000

ST. JOSEPH'S DAY

OTHER	\$1,000
TOTAL:	\$1,000

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

OTHER	\$1,000
TOTAL:	\$1,000

PORT OF PROVIDENCE

SALARIES	\$0
SERVICES	\$0
SUPPLIES	\$0
TOTAL:	\$0

PUBLIC PROPERTY

SALARIES	\$899,135
SERVICES	\$704,420
SUPPLIES	\$1,054,400
CAPITAL	\$306,252
TOTAL:	\$2,964,207

PURCHASING

SALARIES	\$326,309
SERVICES	\$11,200
SUPPLIES	\$6,500
TOTAL:	\$344,009

SALARY REDUCTIONS

ATTRITION & BREAKAGE	\$0
DEFUNDED POSITIONS	\$0
TOTAL:	\$0

GRAND TOTALS	\$309,962,691
---------------------	----------------------