

# The City of Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

## CHAPTER

No. **AN ORDINANCE** REQUIRING THE CITY TO PROVIDE FREE LEGAL SERVICES TO AGGRIEVED RESIDENTS OF THE CITY, UNDER SECTION 9-1-3 OF RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS, "LIABILITY OF PARENTS FOR TORTS OF MINORS".

*Approved*

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

SECTION 1. Section 9-1-3 "Liability of parents for torts of minors" makes the parent of parents of unemancipated minor children who wilfully or maliciously cause damage to any property or injury to any person, liable in Civil damages up to Two Hundred and Fifty (\$250) Dollars.

SECTION 2. But it is not feasible or financially practical for aggrieved persons to enforce these civil rights in court because of the costs involved in bringing and prosecuting civil suits.

SECTION 3. The systematic enforcement of the rights to civil suits for damages contained in said section 9-1-3 of Rhode Island General Laws would create an added deterrent to wayward juveniles or youthful vandals and would create an added inducement for parents to exert and exercise greater control and discipline regarding their minor children who may be potential offenders in this regard.

SECTION 4. A filing fee of fifteen (\$15) Dollars shall be required in each case.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND NOT PASSED

*Vincent Vesper*  
CLERK

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*Umaro Lopez*  
CLERK

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THE COMMITTEE ON  
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Recommend

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Acting Clerk Clerk

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*Councilman Pasotino*

JAN 10 1974

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