

# City of Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

## CHAPTER 2007-24

No. 273

### AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION OF SEXUAL OFFENDERS

Approved MAY 14, 2007

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

I. The Commissioner of Public Safety or the Providence Police Department shall follow the procedures set forth herein regarding Sex Offender Community Notification.

II. In accordance with the requirements set forth in Rhode Island General Laws 11-37.1-1 et seq., and the Sexual Offender Community Notification guidelines established by Rhode Island Parole Board, the Commissioner of Public Safety or the Providence Police Department shall establish a sexual offender community notification plan for the City of Providence including, but not limited the following provisions:

- (A) On a monthly basis, the Commissioner of Public Safety or the Providence Police Department shall obtain from the Sex Offender Community Notification Unit of the Rhode Island Parole Board a copy of all Notices of Level I, Level II and Level III Offenders who will be residing in the City of Providence and jurisdictions that abut Providence neighborhoods, including, but not limited to the cities of Cranston, East Providence, and Pawtucket and the towns of Johnston and North Providence.
- (B) On a monthly basis, the Commissioner of Public Safety or the Providence Police Department shall obtain any current Offender Fact Sheets from the primary law enforcement agency in the municipalities of the cities of Cranston, East Providence, and Pawtucket and the towns of Johnston and North Providence.
- (C) Upon the Commissioner of Public Safety or the Providence Police Department obtaining information that a Level II or Level III offender will be residing in the City of Providence and/or jurisdictions that abut Providence neighborhoods, as listed in (A) the Commissioner of Public Safety or the Providence Police Department may notify the following organizations, as outlined in the Rhode Island Parole Board's Sexual Offender Notification Guidelines, including, but not limited to:

1. Educational Institutions including nursery schools, pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, elementary schools, middle schools, and secondary schools.
2. Post-Secondary Public and Private Educational Institutions.
3. Day Care Establishments.
4. Home Day Care Providers.
5. Additional establishments and organizations, including, but not limited to:
  - a. Sports Leagues
  - b. Religious Personnel and Organizations.
  - c. Boy and Girl Scouts Groups
  - d. Boys and Girls Clubs
  - e. Community Centers
  - f. Recreation Centers
  - g. All Volunteer and Community Organizations
  - h. Mall and Department Stores
  - i. Local Merchant Associations
  - j. Sports Facilities
  - k. Entertainment Facilities
  - l. Public Meeting Facilities
  - m. Libraries


(D) Upon the Commissioner of Public Safety or the Providence Police Department obtaining information that a Level III offender will be residing in the City of Providence and/or jurisdictions that abut Providence neighborhoods, as listed in (A) the Commissioner of Public Safety or the Providence Police Department shall follow the notification requirements according to Rhode Island Parole Board's Sexual Offender Notification Guidelines, which includes notification of the institutions listed in Section C (5) (a-m). Additionally, the Department may notify community members and residents in the identified city neighborhood through, but not limited to, the following:

1. Distribution of fliers in the neighborhood where the offender will be residing and Providence neighborhoods that abut the area where the offender will be residing.
2. News releases.
3. Advertisements in local newspapers.

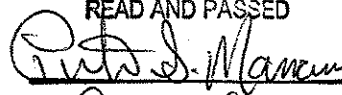

- (E) The Commissioner of Public Safety or the Providence Police Department shall establish and maintain a Sex Offender Community notification bulletin board(s) for the purpose of public viewing. Such bulletin board(s) may be located at the Providence Police Department headquarters; Providence Community Police substations; Providence Recreation Centers; Providence School Department; and Providence City Hall. Additionally, the Commissioner of Public Safety or the Providence Police Department may establish and maintain a virtual bulletin board on the internet, located on the Providence Police Department website and/or the City of Providence website.

**III.** This ordinance will take effect upon passage.

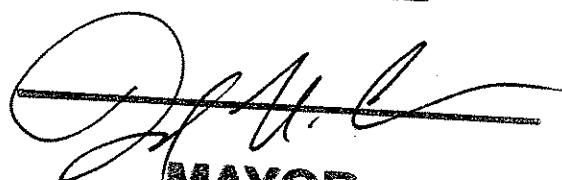
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