

**CHAPTER 2017-36**

**No. 412**    **AN ORDINANCE FORMALLY ESTABLISHING A TAX-EXEMPT STATUS FOR JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES, INC.**

**Approved October 12, 2017**

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

WHEREAS, Jewish Family Service, Inc. (hereinafter "JFS") has acquired the real property and the improvements located on Assessor's Plat 73 Lot 584 with a postal address of 1165 North Main Street, in Providence, Rhode Island, and an address in the Office of the Tax Assessor as 1157 North Main Street, Providence, Rhode Island (hereinafter "The Property"); and

WHEREAS, JFS is an organization incorporated under chapter 6 of title 7, as amended, and therefore a not-for-profit organization; and

WHEREAS, JFS has, since its incorporation in 1929, committed to its mission for the purpose of doing family welfare work, child welfare work, and other social welfare and charitable work throughout the City of Providence and State of Rhode Island; and

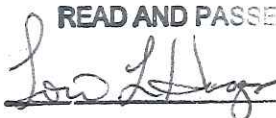
WHEREAS, The Providence City Council has the authority, pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws Title 44 Chapter 3 Section 3(a)(25), to formally recognize the exemption from municipal taxation of "any real or personal property owned by, held in trust for, or leased to an organization incorporated under chapter 6 of title 7, as amended"; and

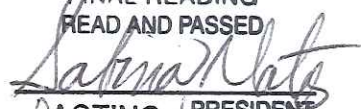
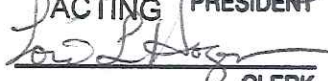
WHEREAS, The Providence City Council recognizes that the mission and goals of JFS are to provide its welfare services to the poorest and most vulnerable sectors of society regardless of their ability to pay.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

**Section 1. Exemption.** That the Property and any other real and personal property owned by, held in trust for, or leased to JFS in the City of Providence shall be exempt from municipal taxation levied under R.I. Gen. Laws § 44-5-1 et seq.

**Section 2. Effective Date.** That this formal action and recognition shall take effect upon passage of this ordinance by the Providence City Council, and approval by the Mayor.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
SEP 26 2017  
FIRST READING  
READ AND PASSED  
 CLERK

IN CITY  
COUNCIL  
OCT 05 2017  
FINAL READING  
READ AND PASSED  
 ACTING PRESIDENT  
 CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.  
  
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Mayor  
Date: 10/12/17

## ORGANIZATION

Jewish Family Service of Rhode Island (JFSRI) was established in 1929. The agency is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable social service agency.

## MISSION

Our mission is to sustain, nurture, and strengthen the emotional and general wellbeing and stability of families and individuals through the life cycle, within the framework of Jewish tradition and values.

## STATEMENT OF INCLUSION

JFS provides services to individuals and families in RI regardless of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or economic status.

## SERVICES

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

- *Case Management* helps those with complex needs receive support, and information & referrals.
- *Emergency Financial Assistance* helps people in financial crisis.
- *Keshet*, the congregation-based outreach program, offers social work services for local synagogues and their congregants.
- *Moses Chitum* provides "money for wheat" during Passover.
- *Partners in Care* offers caregivers with up to 10 hours of respite each week.

### OAR (OLDER ADULT RESOURCES)

- *Home Care Solutions* enables individuals to remain living at home for as long as possible.
- *Lifeline RI* accesses emergency help with the press of a button.
- *Kosher Nutrition* provides kosher meals to the homebound or in a communal setting to those who are able leave their residence.

### CLINICAL

- *Adoption Options* provides services to Adoptive parents, birthparents and adoptees.
- *The Counseling Center* offers hope and help through to anyone facing emotional, health, family, school, work, or life stress.

## SERVICE AREA

All of Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts

## FUNDING

- Program fees
- The Jewish Alliance of Greater RI
- Grants from various Foundations
- Fundraising

*Serving all families in Rhode Island and nearby Massachusetts*

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Association of Jewish Family and Children's Agencies

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