

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 358

Approved June 26, 1998

RESOLVED, That the President of the City Council is requested to empanel a "Special Commission to Study the Effect of Non-Taxable Institutions on Providence's Tax Base." and

WHEREAS, This Commission shall be empanelled to examine the City's tax structure and the effect of tax exempt institutions upon the City's tax base; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence is host to numerous valuable institutions that are excluded from paying property taxes, and said institutions are not precluded from expanding their ownership of additional properties, thereby excluding the institutions from paying property taxes on new acquisitions; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence is host to many institutions that contribute to the healthy culture and diversity of the Capital City; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence's primary source of revenue is generated by the tax levy on real estate and tangible property; and

WHEREAS, Any expansion by non-taxable institutions ~~causes~~ an added burden to taxable property owners and threatens the financial capacity of the City government and diminishes the City's capacity to fairly raise sufficient revenue to provide public safety and other city services; and

WHEREAS, Non-taxable institutions enjoy all of the services that taxable property owners are entitled; and non taxable institutions do not share in the cost of certain public services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That it is in the interest of this City government to examine the tax structure of the City of Providence; the effect of non-taxable institutions on the City's tax base; and to empanel a City Council Commission to explore the tax structure and to instigate discussion of non-taxable institutions' role in generating revenue for the operation of the City government. This Commission shall have no less than eleven (11) members, nine (9) of which shall be appointed by the President of the City Council; one (1) member of the Rhode Island House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives, and one (1) member of the Rhode Island State Senate, to be appointed by the Majority Leader of the Rhode Island State Senate.

This Commission shall have the following membership:

- Five (5) members of the City Council;
- One (1) members representing tax-exempt institutions;
- One (1) member of a taxable business;
- One (1) member from a residential property owner;
- One (1) member of the Mayor's staff;
- One (1) member of the Rhode Island House of Representatives;
- One (1) member of the Rhode Island State Senate.

IN CITY COUNCIL
MAY 21 1998
FIRST READING
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON
FINANCE

CLERK

THE COMMITTEE ON
FINANCE
Approves Passage of
The Within Resolution, as amended
Claire C. Bestwick
June 9, 1998 Clerk

IN CITY COUNCIL
JUN 18 1998
READ AND PASSED, AS AMENDED.
Anthony V. Fargnoli
PRES.
Richard S. Clement
CLERK

APPROVED
JUN 26 1998
Vincenzo A. Cianci
MAYOR

Councilman Hassett

CITY OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

MAYOR VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.

Michael R. Clement
City Clerk

Clerk of Council



Jean M. Angelone
First Deputy

Barbara A. Poirier
Second Deputy

**DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK
CITY HALL**

July 2, 1998

Representative John Harwood
Speaker of the House of Representatives
323 State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Representative Harwood:

Enclosed, please find Resolution of the Providence City Council, Number 358, Approved June 26, 1998 by His Honor the Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr.

The Resolution is to empanel a "Special Commission to Study the Effect of Non-Taxable Institutions on Providence's Tax Base"

Would you kindly appoint one member of the House of Representatives to this Special Commission.

I would appreciate you naming this appointment as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jean M. Angelone".

Jean M. Angelone
First Deputy City Clerk

JMA/ceb

Michael R. Clement
City Clerk



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July 2, 1998

Senator Paul Kelly
Majority Leader of the RI State Senate
318 State House
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Senator Kelly:

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CITY HALL**

July 16, 1998

Mayor Vincent A. Cianci, Jr.
City Hall
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mayor Cianci:

Enclosed, please find Resolution of the Providence City Council, Number 358, Approved June 18, 1998 by the Providence City Council.

The Resolution is to empanel a "Special Commission to Study the Effect of Non-Taxable Institutions on Providence's Tax Base"

Would you kindly appoint one member of your staff to this Special Commission.

I would appreciate you naming this appointment as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

Jean M. Angelone
First Deputy City Clerk

JMA/ceb