

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 404

Approved December 11, 2020

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 Pandemic has inflicted substantial economic harm on many Providence residents; and

WHEREAS, With the implementation of additional restrictions to stop the spread of COVID-19, as well as continued uncertainty around future Federal stimulus efforts, many more Rhode Islanders will begin to feel the strain on their personal finances in the coming weeks and months; and

WHEREAS, The Providence Municipal Court has the authority to waive certain fines and penalties imposed on many of the violations that are handled by the Court; and

WHEREAS, While many tickets handled by the Municipal Court are for violations of City ordinances, there are certain violations that are beyond the authority of the Providence City Council including tickets from red-light cameras and school zone cameras which are enforced pursuant to state law; and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council is committed to helping Providence residents through these trying times by exercising its authority wherever possible to alleviate the burdens facing the City's most vulnerable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence, in collaboration with the Providence Municipal Court and the Mayor's Administration, hereby establishes an amnesty program for the Providence Municipal Court wherein all penalties and fees imposed on tickets for non-moving violations shall be waived provided that payment for the underlying ticket is received on or before January 31, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the above described amnesty program does not impact environmental fines that are already in collections, previously issued court judgments, or the Municipal Courts ability to collect the required \$35 processing fee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution will be sent to the Mayor of Providence and the Chief Judge of the Providence Municipal Court.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED, *As Amended*

*Sabrina Nats*  
PRES.

*Shan Sella*  
CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

*[Signature]*  
Mayor

Date: *12/11/20*