

City of Providence
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 91

EFFECTIVE March 16, 2020

WHEREAS, Recycling materials removed from the City of Providence are shipped to the Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation (RIRRC) recycling facility in Johnston; and

WHEREAS, RIRRC has the authority to reject a recycling shipment in the event that non-recyclables comprise more than 10% the total shipment; and

WHEREAS, In the event a shipment is deemed to be a "contaminated load" by RIRRC, the City of Providence is charged either a \$250 processing fee, or \$47/ton if the driver "self-rejects", and the entire shipment is sent for processing at the landfill; and

WHEREAS, Rejected loads count towards total tonnage the City is allowed to deliver to the landfill each year; and

WHEREAS, In the event the City goes beyond its allotted cap it is charged \$80/ton for all deliveries beyond the cap; and

WHEREAS, In 2019 the City was forced to pay \$476,000 as a result of rejected recycling loads.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby establish a Special Commission on Recycling, the purpose of which shall be to study and make recommendations regarding the current recycling process within the City, and to make recommendations regarding appropriate changes to City procedures, State law, and programs aimed at educating the public on proper recycling strategies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Special Commission on Recycling shall: 1) consist of not more than seven members including the Director of Public Works, one member appointed by the Mayor, and five members to be appointed by the Council President; and 2) shall issue a report of recommendations to the City Council within 120 days of the date appointments are made to the commission.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED


PRES.


CLERK

Effective without the
Mayor's Signature



Shawn Selleck
City Clerk