

CHAPTER 2025-31

No. 327 AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 2024-36, NO. 321, APPROVED JUNE 28, 2024 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-NINE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVENTY-SIX DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$599,771,876), FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

Approved July 15, 2025

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

WHEREAS, The receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, have been estimated to amount to SIX HUNDRED TWENTY FOUR MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY TWO DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$624,786,592) made up as follows:

	FY2026 Adopted Revenues
Tax Revenues	395,042,979.00
Tax Stabilizations	17,855,169.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	17,297,914.00
State Revenue	131,824,993.00
State Grants	-
Federal Grants	202,500.00
Investment Income	3,941,920.00
Fines & Forfeitures	14,719,920.00
Departmental Revenue	25,920,615.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	7,249,252.00
Transfers From Funds	10,731,330.00
	624,786,592.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE:

Section 1. To defray the expenses of the City of Providence for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the sums of money or so much thereof, as are authorized by law, indicated in the accompanying schedule, are hereby appropriated for the objects and purposes, and in amounts expressed therein provided that payments there under shall be subject to the provisions of the Home Rule Charter of 1980, validated by the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island at its January Session, A.D., 1981, and approved November 4, 1980, and subject to the provisions of the City Ordinances relative to the expenditures of money from the City Treasury. Fiscal Assistance to State and Local Governments rules and regulations shall govern the portion of this Budget so designated.

Section 2. The City has appropriated \$147,000,000 to the Providence School Department for the fiscal year 2026. Pursuant to Section 808 of the Home Rule Charter, all payments made by the state or federal governments to the City of Providence for the support of public schools, together with tuition fees earned by the school department and all miscellaneous receipts of the school department now available to it for expenditure in accordance with the provisions of state law shall be paid over and credited to the school fund by the city treasurer. Any surplus resulting from excess revenue receipts overestimates and unencumbered balances of appropriations at the end of any fiscal year shall revert to the general fund current operating surplus account and shall be subject to such reservations or other disposition as the city council may direct.

Section 3. Any transfer to the General Fund from Expendable Trust Funds shall be restricted to and deemed to be utilized for the reduction of debt obligations of the City of Providence, as provided for in Section 808 of the Home Rule Charter.

Section 4. The provisions included in this ordinance supersede any prior ordinances or any provisions thereof.

Section 5. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 17-185 and Section 17-186 of the Code of Ordinances, the amount of \$ 96,479,551 is hereby appropriated to the Pension Accumulation Fund based on a 20-year amortization of the pension liability.

Section 6. No payments can be made from the general fund to employees that were originally hired under non-local source funds without prior approval from the City Council through an Ordinance.

Section 7. The City shall make an appropriation for Rainy Day Fund of no less than \$100,000.

Section 8. All legal counsel hired by any department, board, agency or quasi city agency shall fall under the direction of the City Solicitor unless hired under Providence Home Rule Charter Section 401(d).

Section 9. Not less than Thirty-five percent (35%) of revenue generated from School Zone Speed Cameras, less contractual costs associated with School Zone Speed Cameras and up to \$75,000 of direct personnel cost associated with School Zone Speed Camera, shall be placed in a revolving fund for the purpose of citywide traffic calming and school safety initiatives. The Department of Public Works, through its Traffic Engineering Division will produce an annual plan to utilize School Zone Speed Camera funds as designated by the City Council to perform the following activities to help mitigate and reduce speeding throughout the city, with a focus on school safety initiatives:

1. Conduct Traffic Studies to analyze areas where speeding is an issue
2. Install Speed bumps/raised crosswalks
3. Install speed limit and other traffic calming signage
4. Stripe streets in order to reduce speeding
5. Improve traffic signal functionality and install new signals where appropriate
6. Make neighborhoods and areas near schools more pedestrian friendly and safe
7. Employ the use of speed sleds and other devices to slow traffic
8. Where possible coordinate with Police Department to establish radar posts
9. Improve visibility of crosswalks with new striping and portable crosswalk signs
10. Engage in Public Outreach Campaigns to reduce speeding
11. Purchase of marked patrol vehicles

The Department shall provide a quarterly report to the City Council on activities conducted. The program shall rotate throughout the city in order to ensure the funds are spent equitably in each area of the city.

Section 10. No collective bargaining unit employee shall receive additional compensation in excess of the Collective Bargaining Agreement without agreement from the respective union.

Section 11. If an eligible resident failed to meet the March 15th deadline to qualify for a personal exemption, as stated in the Code of Ordinances, Section 21-125, the City Assessor shall qualify the resident up until December 31st for which such relief is claimed.

Section 12. Any unexpended or unobligated funds from Chapter 2021-25 No. 341 “Relief for Small Business in Providence” shall be made available in this budget as revenue recovery and shall be equally divided by ward for small business infrastructure and other capital improvements.

Section 13. If required, \$5,000,000 is available for expenditures for the Industrial Trust Towers (111 Westminster Street) through savings in attrition. Should the attrition not be sufficient, the balance shall be made available from Capital Assets Fund, Fund 856.

Section 14. Prospectively, vacation accrual for non-union employees shall follow the Code of Ordinances, Section 17-91. Any amounts in excess of the ordinance shall be deemed as personal time off (PTO) and shall not be entitled to any compensatory value upon separation from city employment.

Section 15. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

Summary of Budgeted Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2026

		FY2026 Adopted Expenditures
101 - Mayor's Office		4,177,813
	Salaries	2,709,469
	Employee Benefits	1,198,290
	Services	121,454
	Supplies	148,600
104 - City Sergeant		129,690
	Salaries	67,532
	Employee Benefits	62,158
105 - Law Department		7,854,407
	Salaries	2,933,446
	Employee Benefits	1,870,088
	Services	2,491,700
	Supplies	559,173
208 - Board of Tax Assessment & Review		17,224
	Salaries	16,000
	Employee Benefits	1,224
205 - City Collector		2,412,514
	Salaries	942,812
	Employee Benefits	701,942
	Services	758,540
	Supplies	9,220
202 - City Controller		1,818,582
	Salaries	1,064,932
	Employee Benefits	727,100
	Services	18,600
	Supplies	7,950
207 - City Tax Assessor		2,147,594
	Salaries	1,261,471
	Employee Benefits	804,687
	Services	74,436
	Supplies	7,000

201 - Finance		1,486,323
	Salaries	896,455
	Employee Benefits	468,532
	Services	108,860
	Supplies	12,476
901 - Recorder of Deeds		657,736
	Salaries	293,642
	Employee Benefits	268,599
	Services	88,700
	Supplies	6,795
203 - Retirement Office		640,154
	Salaries	359,725
	Employee Benefits	262,289
	Services	11,900
	Supplies	6,240
204 - Information Technology		8,250,691
	Salaries	2,216,473
	Employee Benefits	1,299,633
	Services	4,041,723
	Supplies	692,862
800 - Total Rewards		29,552,708
	Salaries	565,266
	Employee Benefits	28,947,442
	Services	40,000
919 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Belonging		185,329
	Salaries	59,923
	Employee Benefits	113,406
	Services	12,000
212 - Personnel		1,951,098
	Salaries	1,108,881
	Employee Benefits	680,801
	Services	154,166
	Supplies	7,250
227 - Workers Compensation		2,541,380
	Salaries	252,360
	Employee Benefits	2,003,020
	Services	286,000
301 - Commissioner of Public Safety		1,583,633
	Salaries	470,631
	Employee Benefits	431,426
	Supplies	681,576
304 - Communications		11,815,154
	Salaries	5,810,386
	Employee Benefits	4,348,586
	Services	3,320
	Supplies	1,652,862
907 - Emergency Management		1,006,254
	Salaries	359,880
	Employee Benefits	257,973
	Services	270,710
	Supplies	117,691

303 - Fire		96,810,836
	Salaries	47,437,392
	Employee Benefits	46,848,287
	Services	415,015
	Supplies	2,110,142
302 - Police		118,168,807
	Salaries	59,239,368
	Employee Benefits	49,463,173
	Services	5,537,871
	Supplies	3,928,395
908 - Planning & Urban Development		3,457,511
	Salaries	1,785,922
	Employee Benefits	1,259,197
	Services	141,000
	Supplies	271,392
01803 - Heat & Power		8,457,302
	Supplies	8,457,302
1803 - Heat, Power, & Light		-
	Supplies	-
1804 - Sustainability		901,477
	Salaries	523,560
	Employee Benefits	176,517
	Services	79,966
	Supplies	121,434
909 - Office of Economic Development		1,809,436
	Salaries	901,909
	Employee Benefits	297,254
	Services	280,500
	Supplies	329,773
905 - Bureau of Licenses		987,877
	Salaries	503,032
	Employee Benefits	336,245
	Services	138,550
	Supplies	10,050
502 - Engineering & Sanitation		1,466,123
	Salaries	956,351
	Employee Benefits	468,772
	Services	15,000
	Supplies	26,000
506 - Environmental Control		18,401,159
	Salaries	826,282
	Employee Benefits	611,013
	Services	16,957,864
	Supplies	6,000
515 - Garage R&M Equipment		1,265,229
	Salaries	563,576
	Employee Benefits	418,653
	Supplies	283,000

508 - Highway		6,131,666
	Salaries	3,058,179
	Employee Benefits	2,231,987
	Services	500,000
	Supplies	291,500
	Capital	50,000
516 - Parking Administration		826,766
	Salaries	257,521
	Employee Benefits	209,245
	Services	305,000
	Supplies	55,000
501 - Public Works Administration		1,312,394
	Salaries	821,129
	Employee Benefits	456,567
	Services	12,000
	Supplies	22,698
511 - Sewer Construction		1,623,892
	Salaries	870,886
	Employee Benefits	588,006
	Supplies	110,000
	Capital	55,000
510 - Storm Response		2,203,500
	Salaries	500,000
	Services	150,000
	Supplies	1,553,500
305 - Traffic Engineering		1,793,137
	Salaries	896,718
	Employee Benefits	557,319
	Services	20,000
	Supplies	319,100
601 - Recreation		3,417,944
	Salaries	1,853,579
	Employee Benefits	1,171,665
	Services	170,700
	Supplies	222,000
602 - Recreation Seasonal		2,022,716
	Salaries	1,874,000
	Employee Benefits	148,716
707 - Botanical / Greenhouse		764,423
	Salaries	427,467
	Employee Benefits	336,956
703 - Forestry Services		1,897,307
	Salaries	978,875
	Employee Benefits	767,826
	Services	140,250
	Supplies	10,356
702 - Neighborhood Parks Services		8,735,353
	Salaries	4,327,355
	Employee Benefits	3,595,558
	Services	201,900
	Supplies	610,540

708 - Museum of Natural History		666,559
	Salaries	380,152
	Employee Benefits	267,907
	Services	2,500
	Supplies	16,000
710 - North Burial Ground		890,295
	Salaries	465,560
	Employee Benefits	424,735
709 - Superintendent of Parks		2,193,861
	Salaries	1,139,551
	Employee Benefits	802,972
	Services	233,650
	Supplies	17,688
706 - Zoological Services		3,798,847
	Salaries	2,115,704
	Employee Benefits	1,683,143
401 - Building Administration		2,001,028
	Salaries	809,324
	Employee Benefits	576,833
	Services	338,008
	Supplies	276,863
407 - Building Board		14,414
	Salaries	13,390
	Employee Benefits	1,024
404 - Electrical Installation		425,973
	Salaries	246,952
	Employee Benefits	179,021
403 - Plumbing Drainage & Gas Piping		509,682
	Salaries	321,985
	Employee Benefits	187,697
402 - Structures & Zoning		2,439,374
	Salaries	1,503,377
	Employee Benefits	935,977
406 - Zoning Board of Review		19,958
	Salaries	18,540
	Employee Benefits	1,418
1801 - Public Property		8,689,888
	Salaries	1,875,651
	Employee Benefits	1,502,962
	Services	1,352,175
	Supplies	3,454,100
	Capital	505,000
1802 - Purchasing		749,145
	Salaries	402,259
	Employee Benefits	305,286
	Services	37,500
	Supplies	4,100

917 - Housing and Human Services		2,367,496
	Salaries	715,839
	Employee Benefits	346,825
	Services	1,123,947
	Supplies	180,885
916 - Arts, Culture, Film, & Tourism		1,758,064
	Salaries	492,666
	Employee Benefits	299,191
	Services	736,983
	Supplies	229,224
1311 - PERA		519,898
	Salaries	278,459
	Employee Benefits	128,529
	Services	44,235
	Supplies	68,675
906 - Human Relations		121,723
	Salaries	66,135
	Employee Benefits	27,588
	Services	25,000
	Supplies	3,000
904 - Board of Canvassers		889,961
	Salaries	491,075
	Employee Benefits	334,886
	Services	55,500
	Supplies	8,500
903 - Vital Statistics		442,129
	Salaries	290,914
	Employee Benefits	143,065
	Services	1,150
	Supplies	7,000
913 - Archives		792,227
	Salaries	353,057
	Employee Benefits	222,664
	Services	37,306
	Supplies	179,200
103 - City Clerk		1,865,749
	Salaries	1,079,317
	Employee Benefits	642,032
	Services	91,000
	Supplies	53,400
102 - City Council		799,324
	Salaries	314,875
	Employee Benefits	220,949
	Services	46,500
	Supplies	217,000
910 - City Council Administration		2,635,084
	Salaries	1,684,078
	Employee Benefits	805,606
	Services	85,400
	Supplies	60,000

911 - Office of the Internal Auditor		1,056,616
	Salaries	395,404
	Employee Benefits	214,532
	Services	411,080
	Supplies	35,600
209 - Treasury		815,658
	Salaries	322,302
	Employee Benefits	180,856
	Services	309,200
	Supplies	3,300
110 - Housing Court		493,188
	Salaries	301,462
	Employee Benefits	183,406
	Services	5,500
	Supplies	2,820
106 - Municipal Court		1,810,040
	Salaries	1,007,869
	Employee Benefits	661,517
	Services	83,400
	Supplies	57,254
107 - Probate Court		828,046
	Salaries	439,497
	Employee Benefits	286,549
	Services	92,900
	Supplies	9,100
1500 - Ceremonies		9,330
	Supplies	9,330
223 - Debt Service		71,123,628
	Services	71,123,628
1400 - Grants Commissions & Misc.		7,006,850
	Supplies	7,006,850
1309 - Housing Authority		7,054
	Salaries	2,162
	Employee Benefits	4,892
1319 - League of Cities & Towns		72,364
	Services	72,364
000 - Non Departmental		146,290,000
	Salaries	(3,500,000)
	Supplies	149,790,000

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I HEREBY APPROVE.

Beeth P. Smith
Mayor

Date: 7/15/2025