

CITY OF PROVIDENCE • RHODE ISLAND • Walter H. Reynolds • Mayor

RECORDER OF DEEDS

Walter A. Lough
Deputy Recorder

CITY HALL

Edward M. Flanagan
Recorder

January 15, 1954

Mayor Walter H. Reynolds
Executive Chamber
City Hall

Dear Mayor:

During the fiscal year ending September 30, 1953 the Office of the Recorder of Deeds received for record 19,036 documents. Our receipts were \$33,698.65. Expenses for the same period were \$55,245.01.

While the Office of the Recorder of Deeds was never intended to be a revenue producing department, I have always taken the position that it should be self-sustaining. During the thirteen years of my tenure of office, departmental expenses have soared to a record high.

When I assumed office in 1941, photostat paper used in the recording process cost \$25.70 per roll of 300 feet. At present a similar amount costs \$47.75. This is but an example of soaring costs both of material and labor over a period of the past decade.

However, our fees have been straight-jacketed by a statute geared to the costs of the 1920's. Our fees for recording purposes have not changed in the past twenty-five years.

At a meeting of the New York State Title Association held last October, serious attention was being given to a revision of the fee schedule for recording, with the idea that the fee charged at the time of recording, should cover not only the cost of indexing and transcribing the document on the record, but also the substantial cost of storing, rebinding and maintaining the records throughout the years to come.

At the present time in the office there are at least 500 books which need to be rebound. This project alone would cost at least \$6,000.00.

In previous reports, attention has been drawn to the cramped quarters and overcrowded condition of this office. However, during the past fiscal year, great strides have been made toward the alleviation of this condition. All of the records of the office have been placed on microfilm, which not only will protect and preserve the records in case of disaster, but also will release necessary space when microfilm is substituted for bulky volumes of the older and least used records.

However, it should be borne in mind, that no record office such as this one can ever be completely converted to microfilm and still give adequate service to the public. Other recording

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offices have found that microfilm is best suited for the consultation of the older and least referred to records.

During the present fiscal year it will be necessary to install certain costly equipment for the proper housing and inspection of our microfilm.

This past highlights again the question of adequate recording fees. Inasmuch as our recording office offers a specialized service for a particular class of our citizenry, it seems unfair that the cost of this service should be borne by the general public. It is recommended that a revision of our recording fees be effectuated with a view toward making this office financially independent of other tax revenue, both in regard to recording costs and the permanent maintenance of our records.

Very truly yours,

Edward M. Flanagan
Recorder of Deeds.

Copy to City Clerk.

IN CITY COUNCIL
JAN 21 1954

READ:

WHEREAS IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE RECEIVED.

W. Everett Whelan
CLERK



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BUREAU OF LICENSES

Joseph C. Scuncio
Chairman & Secretary
Benjamin M. McLyman
John B. Dunn, exofficio

209 Fountain St., Providence 3, R. I.

January 11, 1954.

Mr. D. Everett Whelan

City Clerk

City Hall, Providence, R. I.

Dear Mr. Whelan:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 46, Chapter 832, of the Public Laws of 1940, the Bureau of Licenses submits herewith copies of its annual report for the year ending December 31, 1953 for the members of the City Council.

Very truly yours,

Joseph C. Scuncio
Chairman and Secretary.

IN CITY COUNCIL
JAN 21 1954

RESOLVED:
WHEREFORE IT IS ORDERED THAT
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D. Everett Whelan
Clerk

JAN 11 1954

Honorable Walter H. Reynolds

Mayer of Providence

City Hall, Providence, R. I.

Dear Mayor Reynolds:

The Bureau of Licenses submits for your information a report of its activities for the year ending December 31, 1953.

The Bureau has held sixty-two hearings at which licensees violating the provisions of the law, the Rules and Regulations of the Bureau of Licenses or Traffic Regulations have been summoned before the Bureau and disposition made of cases as follows:

License revoked:

1 Hackney Carriage Driver

License voided:

1 Second-Hand Store

Licenses suspended:

5 Class A - Retailer's

14 Class B - Victualer

9 Class C - Beverage

1 Class D - Club

1 Junk Shop

3 Sunday Sales

1 Second-Hand Automobile

1 Pool Table

1 Newsboy

1 Peddler's

1 Third Class Tavern

1 Entertainment

6 Hackney Carriage Drivers

45 Total

Licensees Reprimanded following hearing:

1	Class A - Retailer's	
1	Class B - Tavern	
2	Class B - Victualer	
2	Class C - Beverage	
1	Class D - Club	
1	Second-Hand Store	
1	Pawn Broker	
1	Pool Table	
2	Sunday Sales	
<u>4</u>	Hackney Carriage Drivers	
16	Total	

The following is a detailed statement of all moneys received for licenses issued during the year ending December 26, 1953:

Liquor Licenses:

Class A - Retailer's	175	\$87,500.00	
Class B - Tavern	9	13,700.00	
Class B - Victualer	122	121,170.35	
Class B - Limited	2	400.00	
Class C - Beverage	212	106,000.00	
Class D - Club (\$100.)	7	700.00	
Class D - Club (\$250.)	33	8,250.00	
Class E - Druggist	51	510.00	
Class F - 24 Hour	20	200.00	
			\$338,430.35

Business and Non-Business Licenses:

Taverns, 1st class	3	\$300.00	
Taverns, 2nd class	6	450.00	
Taverns, 3rd class	11	550.00	
Sunday Sales	1,029	10,300.00	
Parking, Sundays	42	1,080.00	
Hawkers and Peddlers	162	754.00	
Junk Gatherers	22	110.00	
Second-Hand Stores	348	1,740.00	
Foundrymen	4	20.00	
Junk Shops	48	1,200.00	
Pawnbrokers	9	900.00	
Police Constables with Power	18	450.00	
Police Constables without Power and Dog Officer \$5.	104	108.00	
Private Detectives	8	200.00	
Permit to Carry Weapons	37	74.00	
Hack. Carriage Power Vehicle	218	2,180.00	
Hack. Carriage Drivers License	645	645.00	
Wagon License (Free)	2		
Vehicle License (Paid)	386	784.00	
Intelligence Office, 1st class	14	675.00	
Intelligence Office, 3rd class	1	5.00	
Show and Dance	1,941	6,920.00	
Shooting Galleries	1	5.00	
Pool Tables, etc.	16	862.50	
Bowling Alleys	27	1,016.00	
Athletic Exhibitions on Sunday	40	110.00	
Bingo	388	2,303.00	
Explosives	3	6.00	
			\$33,747.50

City Licenses, State of Rhode Island

Show and Dance		\$6,920.00	
Shooting Galleries		5.00	
Pool Tables, etc.		862.50	
Bowling Alleys		1,016.00	
Athletic Exhibitions on Sunday		<u>110.00</u>	\$8,913.50

Dog Licenses

Dogs	4,554	7,066.10	
Kennels	20	<u>200.00</u>	7,266.10

Badge and Plate Fund

Peddlers Badges	293	146.50	
Junk Gatherers Badges	52	26.00	
Police Constable Badges	26	13.00	
Newsboys Badges	48	12.00	
Hack. Carriage Drivers Badges	651	325.50	
Hack. Carriage Markers	218	109.00	
Truck Markers	385	192.50	
Peddlers Tags for 1 day licenses	14	<u>2.00</u>	827.30
	<u>1,707</u>		

Departmental Credits:

Transfer Licenses	163	167.00	
Certificate of Lost Licenses	6	12.00	
Registration Fees on Dog Licenses	<u>4,554</u>	<u>683.10</u>	<u>862.10</u>
Total	15,461		\$390,046.85

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph C. Scuncio
Joseph C. Scuncio,
Chairman and Secretary.



D. Everett Whelan
City Clerk

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

CITY HALL

Vincent Vespia
First Deputy
William E. McWilliams
Second Deputy

January 13, 1954

To the Honorable the City Council
of the City of Providence

Honorable Dear Sirs:

The undersigned presents the report of moneys received and credited his Department and returnable to the City Collector for the quarter ended December 24, 1953, viz:

October 1, 1953 through December 24, 1953

Trade Name	\$ 36.75
Notary Fee	40.50
Certified Copies	17.00
Registered Physicians	2.00
Hunting License	21.75
Combination Hunting & Fishing License	.25
Fishing License (over 65)	.15
(Should have been deposited)	\$ 118.40
Adjustment on Nov. 27th	-.50
Was collected and deposited	\$ 117.90
(See adjustment in January, 1954)	

Respectfully submitted,

D. Everett Whelan,
City Clerk

IN CITY COUNCIL

JAN 21 1954

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APPROPRIATE TO BE CONSIDERED THAT
THIS CASE WAS RECEIVED.

CLERK

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
ON

CLAIMS AND PENDING SUITS

TO THE HONORABLE THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE

GENTLEMEN:

Your Committee on Claims and Pending Suits respectfully reports relative to the number of cases in which settlements were recommended for the quarter ended December 31, 1953. Your Committee has recommended settlement in twenty-eight cases.

Respectfully submitted
For the Committee:

IN CITY COUNCIL
JAN 21 1954

JOHN FERREIRA,
CHAIRMAN.

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Severett Whelan
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Triborough Bridge & Tunnell Authority (collision)	\$ 175.00
Eusabia Sanchez (sidewalk)	481.00
Sister St. Aline (Ida Chabot) (refund - deposit)	57.04
Herbert N. Durfee (collision)	94.99
David Hazman (collision)	83.10
Old Colony Transportation Co., Inc. (collision)	100.00
Helen Parisault (Property)	12.00
Joseph DiScuillo (collision)	65.00
Maynard & Co., Inc. (collision)	40.00
Joseph Cybulski (sidewalk)	125.00
Frank M. Pricolo (collision)	50.00
Marie E. Jennings (sidewalk)	125.00
Paul J. Rylander (highway)	35.00
Gemitdena J. Bennett (sidewalk)	125.00
James E. Cundy (refund - deposit)	10.00
Lorame P. Swanson (collision)	257.44
Annie Coffrey (sidewalk)	15.00
Ossian G. Holme (sidewalk)	150.00
Walter M. Hovi (collision)	56.00
Sarah Miller (sidewalk)	150.00
May K. Lasley (collision)	36.50
J. J. Carroll (collision)	55.00
Fred T. Hawkins (sidewalk)	200.00
Norton Weiss (collision)	150.00
William A. Calise (collision)	135.28
John B. Mazzocca (collision)	337.27
Mrs. J. McAnany (property)	25.00
Thomas B. Prior (collision)	<u>86.83</u>
TOTAL	\$3232.45