



RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 142

EFFECTIVE March 29, 2021

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Chapter 15, Article VII, Section 15-103 of the Providence Code of Ordinances, it is illegal to operate a recreational off-road vehicle within the limits of the City; and

WHEREAS, Recreational off-road vehicles are banned from operating on the city's streets as they are not designed for that use which creates significant safety hazards for the public as well as the operators of the vehicles; and

WHEREAS, The illegal operation of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and dirt bikes in Providence has become increasingly prevalent in the past year, raising concerns from motorists, pedestrians, and residents; and

WHEREAS, In 2015 the City Council passed the ordinance outlawing the operation of snowmobiles, ATVs, and other recreational vehicles from operating within the City limits; and

WHEREAS, In April of 2017 in response to an increase in illegal ATV and dirt bike activity, including the death of a dirt bike operator in 2016, the Council passed an amendment to the same ordinance to provide the Providence Police Department with the power to confiscate and destroy ATVs and recreational vehicles caught operating within the City's limits; and

WHEREAS, The problem of this increased illegal activity is not an issue that requires additional legislative action but simply a stronger commitment to enforce the existing ordinances of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby requests that the Mayor of Providence enforce the Providence Code of Ordinances, specifically Section 15-103, to prohibit the operation of ATVs and recreational vehicles on the city's streets.

IN CITY COUNCIL

MAR 18 2021

READ AND PASSED

PRES.

CLERK

Effective without the Mayor's Signature

Shawn Selleck
City Clerk