

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 442

Approved August 10, 1984

WHEREAS, In the course of issuing tax bills certain individuals may not have had benefit of an appropriate exemption, and

WHEREAS, In preparation of said tax bills certain bills may have been sent to an incorrect individual, company or corporation, and

WHEREAS, Information pertaining to the motor vehicle excise tax roll is received from the Registry of Motor Vehicles and may contain information and accounts that shall not have caused bills to be issued by the City of Providence, and

WHEREAS, The remedy necessary to correct the above situations is an abatement processed through and approved by the City Council, and

WHEREAS, In the specific instance of the motor vehicle abatements such abatements may during the normal process be approved at a date subsequent to the deadline for the City to report delinquencies to the Department of Transportation, and

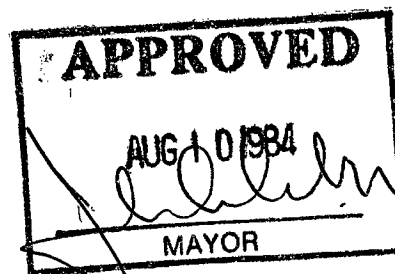
WHEREAS, Such late reporting causes unnecessary inconvenience for the taxpayers,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Collector may remove any and all abatements written against the tax roll immediately from the accounts receivables. This courtesy is done with the understanding that the City Council retains its full authority with regard to these abatements, that this action does not grant approval of said abatements and that if at the hearing by the Claims Committee and/or City Council reviewing the abatements, the Committee or Council denies the request, the City Collector shall immediately rebill the subject individual, company or corporation for the full amount of outstanding taxes and appropriate interest if any.

IN CITY COUNCIL
AUG 2 1984

READ AND PASSED

Louis P. Cheret
Ronald M. Mendonça



Council President Pro Tempore Stravato (By Request)

MEMORANDUM

TO: Councilman Louis Stravato
FROM: Ron Tarro
DATE: July 20, 1984
RE: Abatements

As we discussed this date it would be beneficial to us all if I am allowed to remove the abatements as they come to us from the Assessors office rather than wait for final passage by the City Council.

Under normal circumstances, by the time we get the typed abatement requests from the Assessor, we post them and check them with our records, get them on the docket for the Council, have them referred and passed by the Claims Committee and finally the Council, we still have to order the abatements removed from the receivables file, and we could be facing the 2nd quarterly bills without corrections.

The taxpayers get quite upset if they have had to come down once, especially senior citizens who either had not applied for their exemption the first time or because of some change in the ownership of their property didn't receive the proper exemption at the first installment, then to ask them to come down the second time, well....

Also there are numbers of cars that come to us to tax that should have been sent to other communities. If we report these and others to the Registry as we must with regard to tax delinquencies, we tend to hold up numbers of people from re-registering their vehicles quite unnecessarily.

If you could have the resolution passed authorizing me to remove the abatements as they are processed, we could not only achieve a smoother 2nd quarter billing but we could also achieve better results financially: bills not received are not paid.