

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 215

Approved April 25, 1980

WHEREAS, House Bill 79-H 5430 enables the City of Providence to pass Ordinances Requiring pre-rental Inspection of dwellings with four or more units and rooming houses and the issuance of certificates of habitability prior to any renting,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Members of the City Council of Providence, hereby endorse House Bill 79-H 5430 relating to the City of Providence.

IN CITY COUNCIL
APR 17 1980
READ AND PASSED

Ralph Liguori PRES.
Rose M. Mendonca CLERK

APPROVED

MAYOR

Vicente Cianci, Jr.

APR 25 1980

Councilman Easton and Councilman Glavin

Easton

(Substitute A)

79—H 5430

Introduced by—

Representatives Morancy, Matthew J.
Smith and Cardente

Ordered Printed by—

House of Representatives

Referred to—

House Committee on Corporations

Date Printed—

March 30, 1979

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 1979

AN ACT Relating to the City of Providence.

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

Section 1. Section 45-24.2-3 of the general laws in chapter 45-24.2 entitled "Minimum housing standards" is hereby amended to read as follows:

"45-24.2-3. POWERS OF COUNCILS. — For the purpose of promoting the public health, safety, morals or general welfare, and for the purpose of making dwellings and dwelling places safe, sanitary and fit for human habitation, the city council of any city and the town council of any town, shall have powers in accordance with the provisions of this chapter within the limits of such city or town, by ordinance, to pass, ordain, establish and amend ordinances, rules and

regulations for the establishment and enforcement of minimum standards for dwellings.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such ordinance, rules and regulations may include

(1) * * *

(14) Provisions that the enforcing officer of the city of Providence cause to be made inspection of all residential dwellings of owners' with four (4) or more units within the city prior to the renting, leasing or letting of said unit by the owner or agent of the owner of the dwelling. The enforcing officer shall issue to the owner a certificate of habitability upon successful completion of the inspection and payment of a five dollar (\$5.00) fee to the city or town. The certificate of habitability shall be valid until the unit becomes vacant; provided, however, re-inspection shall be required for all subsequent renting, leasing or letting thereof. Further provided, every rooming house shall be required to be annually inspected. Provided further, however, that owner occupied dwellings are exempt from this section. Violations of said ordinance shall be punishable by a maximum fine of two hundred dollars (\$200.)."

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

**Substitute A
79-H 5430**

EXPLANATION

By the Legislative Council

This act enables the City of Providence to pass ordinances requiring pre-rental inspections of dwellings with four or more units and rooming houses and the issuance of certificate of habitability prior to any renting.

The act would take effect upon passage.

April 18, 1980

House Committee on Corporations
Representative Arthur L. Simonini
56 Ramblewood Drive
Warwick, Rhode Island 02889

Dear Representative Simonini,

Enclosed are copies of Resolutions presented to the City Council on April 17, 1980, read and passed by said Members.

Very truly yours,

Rose M. Mendonca,
City Clerk.

RMM/jma
Enclosures

April 18, 1980

Honorable Alfred W. Cardente
United States Representative
940 Manton Avenue
Providence, R.I. 02909

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Honorable Matthew J. Smith
Speaker of the House of Representatives
86 Pontiac Avenue
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Speaker,

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Representative Elizabeth Morancy
181 Gallatin Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02907

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