

JACK WILKES  
CITY CONTROLLER  
ANTHONY P. COSTANTINO  
ROBERT M. MCGIVNEY  
ASSISTANTS



MAYOR  
JOSEPH A. DOORLEY, JR.

OFFICE OF THE CITY CONTROLLER  
CITY HALL, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

January 5, 1965

To the Honorable City Council  
of the City of Providence

Gentlemen:

This is to inform you that under authority of Section 33, Chapter 1665 of the Public Laws of the State of Rhode Island, of 1945, I have this day appointed Mr. Anthony P. Costantino, residing at 54 Winona Street, Providence, Rhode Island, as Assistant City Controller.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jack Wilkes*  
Jack Wilkes  
City Controller

JW/CD

IN CITY COUNCIL  
JAN 21 1965

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THE CITY OF



PROVIDENCE

I, ANTHONY P. COSTANTINO, do  
solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States  
and of the State of Rhode Island and that I will faithfully discharge  
the duties of the office of

Assistant City Controller

to the best of my ability.

Anthony P. Costantino

*es*

I, Vincent Vespia, City Clerk

do hereby certify that on the 25th day of January, A. D. 19 65,

I did administer unto ANTHONY P. COSTANTINO

duly appointed to the office of

Assistant City Controller

the above subscribed oath.

Vincent Vespia

JACK WILKES  
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January 5, 1965

To the Honorable City Council  
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Gentlemen:

This is to inform you that under authority of Section 33, Chapter 1665, of the Public Laws of the State of Rhode Island of 1945, I have this day appointed Mr. Robert M. McGivney, residing at 19 Rosebank Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, as Assistant City Controller-Second.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jack Wilkes*  
Jack Wilkes  
City Controller

JW/CD

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*solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Rhode Island and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of*

Assistant City Controller-Second

*to the best of my ability.*

*Robert M. McGivney*

W

I, Vincent Vespa, City Clerk

*do hereby certify that on the 25th day of January, A. D. 19 65,*

*I did administer unto* ROBERT M. MCGIVNEY

*duly appointed to the office of*

Assistant City Controller-Second

*the above subscribed oath.*

*Vincent Vespa*



Joseph Smith, M. D.  
Superintendent of Health

*Ex-officio*

City Registrar

Inspector of Milk

161 FOUNTAIN ST.,  
PROVIDENCE 3, R. I.

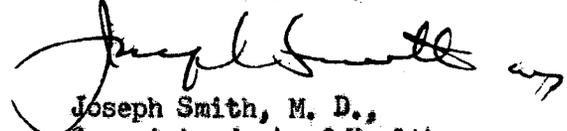
## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Mayor Joseph A. Doorley, Jr.  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Mayor Doorley:

Pursuant to the authority granted me by the City Charter and State Law, I hereby appoint Edward D. Greer, Deputy Health Officer and Deputy City Registrar, to serve at my pleasure.

Respectfully yours,

  
Joseph Smith, M. D.,  
Superintendent of Health

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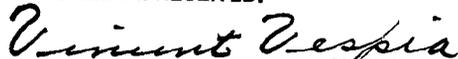
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PROVIDENCE

I, EDWARD D. GREER, do

*solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Rhode Island and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of*

Deputy Health Officer  
and Deputy City Registrar

*to the best of my ability.*

*Edward D Greer*

~

I, Vincent Vespia, City Clerk

*do hereby certify that on the 25th day of January, A. D. 19 65,*

*I did administer unto* EDWARD D. GREER

*duly appointed to the office of*

Deputy Health Officer  
and Deputy City Registrar

*the above subscribed oath.*

*Vincent Vespia*



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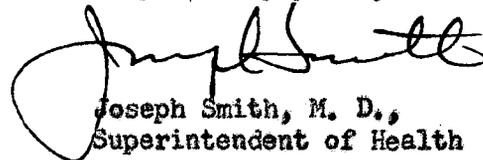
## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Mayor Joseph A. Doorley, Jr.  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Mayor Doorley:

In accordance with Chapter 470 of the Public Laws of April 16, 1909, I hereby appoint Anthony D. LaFazia, Sanitarian, as Inspector of Provisions, in addition to his other duties.

Respectfully yours,

  
Joseph Smith, M. D.,  
Superintendent of Health

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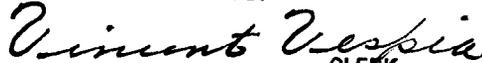
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I, ANTHONY D. LaFAZIA, do

*solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Rhode Island and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of*

Inspector of Provisions

*to the best of my ability.*

*Anthony D. LaFazia*

I, Vincent Vespia, City Clerk

*do hereby certify that on the* 25th *day of* January, *A. D.* 19 65,

*I did administer unto* ANTHONY D. LaFAZIA

*duly appointed to the office of*

Inspector of Provisions

*the above subscribed oath.*

*Vincent Vespia*



CITY OF PROVIDENCE - RHODE ISLAND - ~~WALTER HUGHES, Mayor~~  
Mayor Joseph A. Doorley, Jr.

# DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

161 FOUNTAIN ST.,  
PROVIDENCE 3, R. I.

Joseph Smith, M. D.  
Superintendent of Health  
*Ex-officio*  
City Registrar  
Inspector of Milk

Mayor Joseph A. Doorley, Jr.  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Mayor Doorley:

Pursuant to the authority granted me by the City Charter and State Law, I hereby make the following appointments in the Office of Inspector of Milk.

Deputy Inspector of Milk	Richard S. McKenzie
Collectors of Samples	Walter Bugbee Martin Dolan
Collector of Ice Cream Samples	Edward D. O'Connell, Jr.

These appointments to serve at my pleasure.

Respectfully yours,

*Joseph Smith*  
Joseph Smith, M. D.,  
Superintendent of Health

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cc: City Council

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PROVIDENCE

I, RICHARD S. MCKENZIE, do

*solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Rhode Island and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of*

Deputy Inspector of Milk

*to the best of my ability.*

Richard S. McKenzie  
es

I, Vincent Vespia, City Clerk

*do hereby certify that on the 25th day of Jan., A. D. 19 65,*

*I did administer unto* RICHARD S. MCKENZIE

*duly appointed to the office of*

Deputy Inspector of Milk

*the above subscribed oath.*

Vincent Vespia

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I, WALTER BUGBEE, do

*solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Rhode Island and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of*

Collector of Samples

*to the best of my ability.*

*Walter Bugbee*

*W*

I, Vincent Vespia, City Clerk

*do hereby certify that on the 25th day of January, A. D. 19 65,*

*I did administer unto* WALTER BUGBEE

*duly appointed to the office of*

Collector of Samples

*the above subscribed oath.*

*Vincent Vespia*

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I, EDWARD D. O'CONNELL, JR., do  
solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States  
and of the State of Rhode Island and that I will faithfully discharge  
the duties of the office of

Collector of Ice Cream Samples

to the best of my ability.

Edward D. O'Connell, Jr.  
S

I, Vincent Vespia, City Clerk

do hereby certify that on the 25th day of January, A. D. 1965,

I did administer unto EDWARD D. O'CONNELL, JR.

duly appointed to the office of

Collector of Ice Cream Samples

the above subscribed oath.

Vincent Vespia

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PROVIDENCE

I, MARTIN DOLAN, do

*solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Rhode Island and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of*

Collector of Samples

*to the best of my ability.*

*Martin J. Dolan*

*W*

I, Vincent Vespia, City Clerk

do hereby certify that on the 28th day of January, A. D. 19 65,

I did administer unto MARTIN DOLAN

*duly appointed to the office of*

Collector of Samples

*the above subscribed oath.*

*Vincent Vespia*

William M. Keaveny

~~WILLIAM F. CROWLEY~~  
CITY SERGEANT



DEPUTIES  
HARRY ACKERMAN  
BERNARD E. PATTON

OFFICE OF THE CITY SERGEANT  
CITY HALL, PROVIDENCE, R. I. 02903

January 13, 1965

To The Honorable The City Council  
of the City of Providence.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 37,  
Chapter 832 of the Public Laws, 19~~60~~<sup>4</sup>, I have this day  
appointed Harry Ackerman of Providence as First Deputy  
City Sergeant and Bernard E. Patton, of Providence as  
Second Deputy City Sergeant.

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Respectfully Submitted,

*William Keaveny*

IN CITY COUNCIL

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I, HARRY ACKERMAN, do

*solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Rhode Island and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of*

FIRST DEPUTY CITY SERGEANT

*to the best of my ability.*

*Harry Ackerman*

I, Vincent Vespia, City Clerk

*do hereby certify that on the* 25th *day of* January, *A. D.* 1965,

*I did administer unto* HARRY ACKERMAN

*duly appointed to the office of*

FIRST DEPUTY CITY SERGEANT

*the above subscribed oath.*

*Vincent Vespia*

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I, BERNARD E. PATTON, do

*solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States  
and of the State of Rhode Island and that I will faithfully discharge  
the duties of the office of*

SECOND DEPUTY CITY SERGEANT

*to the best of my ability.*

*Bernard E. Patton*

or

I, Vincent Vespia, City Clerk

*do hereby certify that on the 27th day of January, A. D. 1965,*

*I did administer unto* BERNARD E. PATTON

*duly appointed to the office of*

SECOND DEPUTY CITY SERGEANT

*the above subscribed oath.*

*Vincent Vespia*



## OFFICE OF THE CITY COLLECTOR

PHILIP J. PITASSI

City Collector

HERBERT J. LAYDEN

Assistant City Collector

CITY HALL, PROVIDENCE 3, R. I.

January 5, 1965

To the Honorable City Council  
of the City of Providence

Gentlemen:

Under authority of Section 33 of Chapter 1665  
of the Public Laws of 1945 of the State of Rhode  
Island, I have today appointed Herbert J. Layden of  
284 New York Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island, as  
Assistant City Collector.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip J. Pitassi  
City Collector

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I, HERBERT J. LAYDEN, do

*solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Rhode Island and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of*

Assistant City Collector

*to the best of my ability.*

*Herbert Layden*

W

I, Vincent Vespia, City Clerk

*do hereby certify that on the 25th day of January A. D. 19 65,*

*I did administer unto* HERBERT J. LAYDEN

*duly appointed to the office of*

Assistant City Collector

*the above subscribed oath.*

*Vincent Vespia*

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE

**WATER SUPPLY BOARD**

JOHN A. DOHERTY, CHAIRMAN  
 EARL H. ASHLEY  
 UGO RICCIO  
 JOHN J. TIERNEY  
 DAVID R. MCGOVERN, EX-OFFICIO

552 ACADEMY AVENUE  
 PROVIDENCE 8, R. I.

PHILIP J. HOLTON, JR.  
 CHIEF ENGINEER  
 WILLIAM I. McDONALD  
 DEPUTY CHIEF ENGINEER  
 JOHN T. WALSH  
 LEGAL ADVISOR  
 JOHN J. DEARY  
 SECRETARY

January 8, 1965

City Council  
 City of Providence

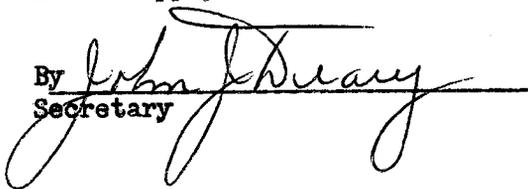
Attention: Mr. Vincent Vespia, City Clerk

Gentlemen:

You are hereby notified that the Water Supply Board of the City of Providence, at a meeting duly held on the 8th day of January, 1965, elected John A. Doherty as Chairman of the Board.

You are also hereby notified that the Board at the same meeting re-appointed John J. Deary as Secretary of said Board.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Water Supply Board

By   
 Secretary

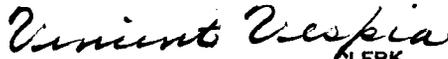
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ANNUAL REPORT

DIVISION OF MINIMUM HOUSING STANDARDS  
CITY OF PROVIDENCE

January 1, to December 31, 1964

Austin C. Daley  
Director

IN CITY COUNCIL

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Austin C. Daley  
Director

CITY OF PROVIDENCE • MAYOR JOSEPH A. DOORLEY, JR.

## Division of Minimum Housing Standards

City Hall  
Providence, R. I. 02903

January 8, 1965

The Honorable Joseph A. Doorley, Jr., Mayor  
The Honorable City Council  
of the City of Providence  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 3715,  
Public Laws of 1956; Section 2.8 of Chapter 1040, Ordinances  
of 1956, the Division of Minimum Housing Standards submits  
herewith its Annual Report.

Respectfully yours,

Austin C. Daley  
Director

ACD/jc

During the year work was completed on tracts Nos. 23, 24, 27 and 28 and work was started on Tract No. 33. The Division trained the inspection staffs of Cranston and West Warwick.

The year began with the Division under attack by a New York City lawyer retained by the Ministers Alliance of Providence. This attorney claimed that the city was not enforcing the housing code and by failure to do so was violating the rights of Negroes under the 14th Amendment of the Constitution. He announced that because of this he was preparing to institute legal action in the federal courts to suspend federal payments for Urban Renewal in Providence.

This Division has always maintained that housing is a human problem, above the category of race, and we have striven to achieve good housing for every citizen regardless of ancestry or creed. The New York attorney's statements were challenged and an offer was made to debate him publicly on the subject. Unfortunately, he left town without reply and the Director has never had the opportunity of discussing the charges with him. The facts are that the City of Providence proportionately is spending more money annually on housing code enforcement than any city in the country and, on the same population basis, has the most vigorous prosecution program in the nation. In addition, unlike many other cities, housing code staff strength is never siphoned off for any other activities such as the inspection of new construction. The prosecution program will be discussed in detail later.

In April, Mayor Walter H. Reynolds was the main speaker at the annual Housing Codes Conference of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials at St. Louis, Missouri. His subject was, "How We Did It In Providence." Considering that Providence was selected above all the cities in the country this was a singular honor. In his speech Mayor Reynolds made a plea for federal assistance for housing code enforcement under Urban Renewal.

During the summer session of Congress the Rhode Island Senators introduced the Pell-Pastore bill which would grant direct federal assistance for housing code enforcement for cities participating in Urban Renewal. This bill didn't pass but, as a direct result of their efforts, the 1964 Housing Act featured a clause enabling cities to institute Urban Renewal housing code project areas with the federal government providing two-thirds of the required funds.

On October first the Division increased its field strength from eight to 11 inspectors and its clerical staff by one. This resulted in an increase of budget allocation of \$27,000. On the basis of this increase the City of Providence has applied for and is now processing an application for a federal grant of \$54,000, which would finance a housing code enforcement project area with six field inspectors and two required additions to the clerical staff. This is the first such Urban Renewal housing code project area application in the country.

If this grant is approved, the Division in 1965 will be able to put 17 inspectors in the field, backed by a clerical staff of

eight, which would be close to the strength required to wage a successful war against all housing blight.

During the year the Division started prosecution of violations on 509 houses, many of which had more than one owner, a 72 percent increase over the 1963 prosecution pace. Continuances of these arraignments necessitated 1966 reappearances in court for these cases; a total 2475 court appearances not including trials or appearances in Superior Court.

This Division does not believe in prosecution for prosecution's sake and the docket total for Police Court varied greatly. For example, on June 16 the court processed appearances on 116 houses. Other scheduled court days saw only three or four appearances. This disparity was caused by the condition of housing in certain areas. Where housing is bad and the violations of long duration more warrants are issued.

The first prosecution sweep was made in the critical census Tract No. 7, which has a high percentage of Negro residents. Tract No. 7 was one of the neighborhoods cited in criticism of this Division. During 1964 prosecution was started against the owners of 118 houses in Tract No. 7 alone or 13 percent of all the houses in this tract and better than a fifth of all the cases brought into court! It is hoped that from these figures that the impression will not be gained that this tract had been neglected. Through the years Tract No. 7 has had always the highest percentage of prosecutions. Our contention that housing is a human problem, higher than the level of race, can be further proved by the fact that the group of defendants in court is well-integrated.

The Division continues to appreciate the administration of the two Police Court justices. The policy of compliance rather than punishment is still maintained. However, in a few cases, it has been necessary to level penalties. After 16 trials fines totaling \$1050 were levied and one jail sentence was imposed. All of these decisions resulted in appeals.

Prosecution in itself is an unpleasant but necessary task. As late as Last October handbills were being circulated on the East Side criticizing this Division for not "living up to its pledge" to aid minorities suffering in bad housing. A successful candidate for public office decried what he termed the, "unholy alliance between slumlords and the Minimum Housing Division"; this despite the fact that one defendant made 92 court appearances on 31 houses in 1964. On the other hand the Division has received severe censure for being far too vigorous in its prosecution. In selecting cases for court the Division has made a genuine effort to employ honesty and integrity. Unfortunately, these efforts have resulted in a shower of brickbats from both extremities of our citizen groups.

Because of the amount of detailed work required to conduct a prosecution program, such as repeated inspections, clerical work etc., it is estimated that a fifth of our time is spent in this activity. In 1965 the inspection staff will be moving through some areas fairly free from heavy deterioration. This should reduce the volume of court work.

The Division is hopeful that data processing research, begun in 1964 in the preparation of our Urban Renewal housing code

area project application, will soon be completed with forthcoming federal acceptance in early 1965. With this enlarged staff (a prospective increase of 55 percent) real progress will be made in our efforts to give every citizen a decent home.

For years this Division has enjoyed a reputation as a national pacesetter in the fight against housing blight. It is our aspiration to become the world's first city to wipe out bad housing completely.

MINIMUM HOUSING DIVISION FIELD INSPECTIONS

January 1, 1964 to December 31, 1964

Dwelling Units .....	10,527
Reinvestigations .....	20,713
Complaint Investigations .....	1,152
TOTAL .....	32,392

BUDGET EXPENDITURE

<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>1964-1965</u>
ITEM 0 Personal Serv .....	105,425.32
ITEM I Services other than personal .....	11,285.00
ITEM II Materials and supplies .....	1,175.00
ITEM V Equipment .....	1,147.00
TOTAL .....	<u>119,032.32</u>

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