

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 175

Approved March 13, 1986

RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council  
endorses passage, at the 1986 Session of the  
General Assembly, of "An Act Relating to a  
Rhode Island Municipal Roads Trust Fund."  
(Draft of Act Appended)

IN CITY COUNCIL

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Date Introduced:

Referred To:

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 31-36-20 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-36 entitled "Gasoline Tax" is hereby amended to read as follows:

31-36-20. Disposition of proceeds. -- Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, all monies paid into the general treasury under the provisions of this chapter 37 of this title shall be available for the general purposes of the state; provided, however, that an amount equal to ~~one-and-one half-(1½¢)-cents~~ three (3¢) cents per gallon of the tax imposed and accruing for the liability of each calendar quarter, pursuant to the provisions of section 31-36-7, less refunds and credits, beginning with the tax reporting period for the return due October 20, 1983 and for every quarterly reporting period thereafter, shall be used for making appropriations for the financial support of the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority as provided under section 39-18-21, in an amount equal to one and one half (1½¢) cents per gallon of such amounts collected ~~and for the support of R.I. Municipal roads trust fund, as provided under section 24-54 in an amount equal to one and one half (1½¢) cents~~ per gallon of such amount collected, and Any balance

at the end of a fiscal year shall be available for the general purposes of the state.

SECTION 2. Section 24-5-4 of the general laws in Chapter 24-5 entitled "Maintenance of Town Highways" is hereby repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 3 Chapter 24-5 of the general laws entitled "Maintenance of Town Highways is hereby amended by adding the following section thereto:

24-5-4. R.I. Municipal Roads Trust Fund. -- (a) There is hereby established with the department of transportation, the Rhode Island municipal roads trust fund as a separate account for the purpose of holding, investing, and distributing to cities and towns revenues collected from the gasoline tax at the rate set forth in section 31-36-20.

(b) Monies from the Rhode Island municipal roads trust fund shall be expended only by cities and towns for the maintenance, design, construction, reconstruction, and repair of city and town roads, highways, and bridges, and for the removal of snow and ice and for the purchase and maintenance of traffic control devices.

(c) On April 1, and September 1, of each year, the general treasurer shall pay to the treasurer of each city or town for the purposes of this section, the monies in such trust fund according to the formula set forth in this section.

(d) The R.I. municipal roads trust fund shall be divided at the time of distribution into two halves. One half of said monies shall be distributed to each treasurer in proportion to the number of miles of municipal highways and roads in the city or town to the number of miles of municipal highways and roads in the state. The remaining one half shall be distributed to each treasurer in the proportion that the number of motor vehicles registered in such city or town has to the proportion of registered motor vehicles in the state as a whole as determined by the most current list of motor vehicles in each city or town subject to excise tax, as set forth in chapter 34 of title 44.

(e) The director of transportation is authorized to issue regulations regarding limitations on the expenditure of said monies from the trust fund by a city or town with regard to maximum rates for the rental of road equipment, standards for the purchase of traffic equipment, maximum prices of highway equipment, requirements for the maintenance of current list of registration numbers of motor vehicles and trucks, and inventory of parts and materials.

(f) No city or town shall be eligible to receive monies from said trust fund unless it has submitted an annual plan of maintenance of its highways and roads to the director of transportation on or before July 1, of each year.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 1986.

EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
OF  
AN ACT  
RELATING TO A RHODE ISLAND MUNICIPAL  
ROADS TRUST FUND

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This act creates a Rhode Island municipal roads trust fund funded by one and one half cents per gallon of the existing gasoline tax.

Funds shall be distributed to each city and town in proportion to their number of registered motor vehicles and miles of town roads.

The act would take effect on July 1, 1986.