

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 231

Approved May 30, 2006

WHEREAS, A pure, consumable drinking water supply is a fundamental requirement for all citizens, and the lack thereof produces the potential for serious physical and economic impact on residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, Even minor concentrations of MTBE in drinking water can result in a foul taste and odor, rendering the water undrinkable; and in higher concentrations leads to serious concerns for possible short and long term effects; and

WHEREAS, The public water supply of many communities nationwide, and more particularly in the Northeast, have been compromised by the intrusion of MTBE into the drinking water, with the surety that the problem will increase as long as MTBE is allowed to be used as a gasoline additive; and

WHEREAS, The overwhelming costs involved in the cleanup of spills of MTBE-laden fuel can only increase as the situation is allowed to continue; and

WHEREAS, It is the policy of the Coalition of Northeastern Governors (CONEG) to support energy programs that strengthen the nation's economy and protect the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the City Council of the City of Providence respectfully petitions the State Legislature and the Governor's Office to support Senate Bill 2006-S 2049, An Act Relating to State Affairs and Government – Department of Environmental Management – elimination of MTBE as a Gasoline Additive; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Clerk is hereby instructed to submit a copy of this resolution to various City and Town Councils of the State of Rhode Island seeking their consideration and support of this proposal.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 18 2006  
READ AND PASSED

PRES.

CLERK

APPROVED

MAYOR

CITY

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EDWARD B. VANCE

CLIA CONVOY

THE COMMITTEE ON  
STATE LEGISLATION  
Recommends Approval

*Chaise E. Bestor*  
*May 2, 2006* CLERK

IN CITY COUNCIL  
APR 6 2006  
FIRST READING  
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON  
STATE LEGISLATION

*John M. Steen* CLERK

*Council President Lombardi, By Request*

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2006

AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT -- ELIMINATION OF MTBE AS A GASOLINE  
ADDITIVE

Introduced By: Senators Blais, Breene, and P Fogarty

Date Introduced: January 12, 2006

Referred To: Senate Environment & Agriculture

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 42-17.1 of the General Laws entitled "Department of  
2   Environmental Management" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           42-17.1-46. Elimination of methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE) as a gasoline  
4   additive. -- (a) The director shall, in conjunction with the northeast regional fuels task force,  
5   develop and implement a plan for the phase-out of the use of MTBE in a manner that will  
6   eliminate MTBE as a gasoline additive in this state on and after July 1, 2007. Not later than July  
7   1, 2006, and quarterly thereafter through July 1, 2007, the director shall report to the governor,  
8   the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, and the chairperson and  
9   vice-chairperson of the joint committee on environment and energy regarding how and when the  
10   elimination of MTBE will be achieved. Each report shall include a progress update on the status  
11   of the regional efforts to reduce MTBE levels in gasoline.

12           (b) The director shall seek a waiver from the United States environmental protection  
13   agency for the purpose of discontinuing the use of MTBE as a gasoline additive in this state.

14           (c) Beginning July 1, 2006, the department shall undertake an effective education  
15   campaign directed at all users of gasoline, including, but not limited to, homeowners, marine  
16   trades, and businesses, regarding the proper handling of gasoline. Said campaign shall include,  
17   but not be limited to: (1) warning at the point of sale about the proper handling of gasoline; (2)  
18   instructions on portable gasoline containers sold after July 1, 2006, about proper handling of

1 gasoline; and (3) newspaper, radio, and television information advertisements.

2 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
OF

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- DEPARTMENT OF  
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ADDITIVE

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- 1           This act would require the elimination of MTBE as a gasoline additive as of July 1, 2007.
- 2   This act would also require that the Department of Environmental Management establish an
- 3   education campaign regarding the proper handling of gasoline.
- 4           This act would take effect upon passage.
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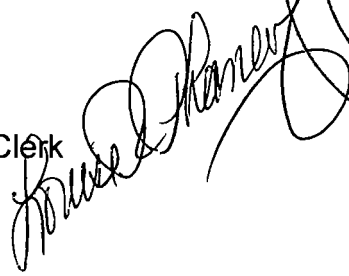
# Memorandum

**To:** Anna Stetson, Town Clerk  
City of Providence

**From:** Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk

**Date:** March 10, 2006

**Re:** Support of Legislation



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At the Regular Meeting of the Burrillville Town Council held on Wednesday, March 8, 2006, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers, Town Hall, Harrisville, and at which time a quorum was present and acting throughout the Town Council passed the attached resolutions and asked that they be sent to be given to your town council for consideration.

Thank you.

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# TOWN OF BURRILLVILLE

## Office of Town Clerk

Louise R. Phaneuf  
Town Clerk



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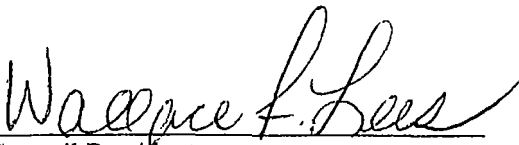
## BURRILLVILLE TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION

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- WHEREAS, even minor concentrations of MTBE in drinking water can result in a foul taste and odor, rendering the water undrinkable; and in higher concentrations leads to serious concerns for possible short- and long-term effects; and
- WHEREAS, the public water supply of many communities nationwide, and more particularly in the Northeast, have been compromised by the intrusion of MTBE into the drinking water, with the surety that the problem will increase as long as MTBE is allowed to be used as a gasoline additive; and
- WHEREAS, the overwhelming costs involved in the cleanup of spills of MTBE-laden fuel can only increase as the situation is allowed to continue; and
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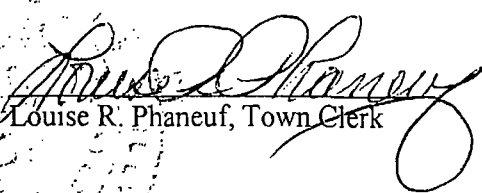
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Town Council of the Town of Burrillville respectfully petition the State Legislature and the Governor's Office support Senate Bill 2006 – S 2049, An Act Relating to State Affairs and Government – Department of Environmental Management – elimination of MTBE as a Gasoline Additive.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the town clerk is hereby instructed to submit a copy of this resolution to various City and Town Councils of the State of Rhode Island seeking their consideration and support of this proposal.

Adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2006

  
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Council President  
Wallace F. Lees

ATTEST:

  
Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk

*Town of Westerly*  
*Rhode Island*



DONNA L. GIORDANO, CMC/AAE  
Town and Probate Clerk

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MEMORANDUM

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TO: RHODE ISLAND CITY AND TOWN COUNCILS  
FROM: DONNA L. GIORDANO, CMC/AAE, TOWN CLERK  
SUBJECT: RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT  
DATE: APRIL 18, 2006

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The Westerly Town Council, at its Special Meeting held April 17, 2006, adopted the enclosed resolution in support of Senate Bill 2006 – S2049 regarding the elimination of MTBE as a gasoline additive.

The Westerly Town Council respectfully seeks your support in this matter.



RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 2006 – S2049  
REGARDING THE ELIMINATION OF MTBE AS A GASOLINE ADDITIVE

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WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Coalition of Northeastern Governors (CONEG) to support energy programs that strengthen the nation's economy and protect the environment; now therefore, be it hereby

RESOLVED: That the Town Council of the Town of Westerly respectfully petition the State Legislature and the Governor's Office to support Senate Bill 2006 – S2049, An Act Relating to State Affairs and Government – Department of Environmental Management – elimination of MTBE as a Gasoline Additive; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk is instructed to submit a copy of this resolution to all 39 Cities and Towns in the State of Rhode Island and local representatives and senators seeking their consideration and support of this proposal.

ADOPTED: April 17, 2006

A true copy dated: April 18, 2006

ATTEST:



Donna L. Giordano, CMC/AAE  
Council Clerk