

City of Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

CHAPTER 2002-6

No. 136

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING EMERGENCY POLICE DETAILS FOR CERTAIN ESTABLISHMENTS

Approved March 12, 2002

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

Section 1. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall receive weekly reports from the Board of Licenses. Those reports shall contain the name and address of any establishment to which public safety personnel were summoned for any loud or disturbing or violent conduct on the part of patrons or establishment personnel. The report shall also include any complaints of such conduct filed with the Board of Licenses whether or not public safety personnel were dispatched to the premises.

Section 2. The Public Safety Commissioner shall, on a weekly basis, review such reports together with any other reliable information available to him or her concerning the premises. After such review, he or she shall determine whether the public safety of the patrons or employees or general public require the placement of detail police officers at the premises.

Section 3. From the whole of the circumstances surrounding said incident(s), the Commissioner shall review and decide upon the necessity of police detail officers. Among the factors included in that review, the Commissioner shall consider:

- a. the nature and scope of the incident;
- b. whether or not physical harm was occasioned by the incident and the seriousness of that harm;
- c. the record of said premises and owners/managers with respect to incidents of like character; and
- d. the benefit to the public good occasioned by the imposition of police details.

If, after such review, the Commissioner so decides, the owner/manager of the premises shall be required at the establishment's own cost to place detail police officer(s)

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Establishments

THE COMMITTEE ON

Ordinances
Recommends Public Hearing
Clerk Claire E. Bestwick
Sept. 6, 2000

THE COMMITTEE ON

Ordinances
Recommends Deferred
Clerk Claire E. Bestwick
Oct. 4, 2000
Nov. 2, 2001; Jan. 23, 2002
Dec. 12, 2001
Jan. 9, 2002

THE COMMITTEE ON
ORDINANCES
Approves Passed
The Within Ordinance

Clerk Claire E. Bestwick
Feb. 13, 2002

CITY COUNCIL
JULY 6, 2000
FIRST READING
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON
ORDINANCES

Clerk Michael B. Clement

THE COMMITTEE ON

Ordinances
Recommends Public Hearing Scheduled
Clerk Claire E. Bestwick
July 31, 2000

THE COMMITTEE ON

Ordinances
Recommends Deferred
Clerk Claire E. Bestwick
July 3, 2000

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in a number determined by the Commissioner. Said placement shall be for not more than three weeks. After said period, the Commissioner shall again review any additional information available to him/her and may revise the number of detail police officers required or may eliminate such detail.

The Commissioner shall continue this three-week review cycle until such time as he/she determines that no further details are necessary.

Section 4. Prior to any order by the Commissioner, he or she shall notify the owner/operator of the premises under review of the same and shall offer the owner-operator an opportunity to present any evidence which he or she believes to affect the Commissioner's decision.

Section 5. Failure of any premises to abide by the decision and order of the Commissioner shall be punishable by the penalties listed in Section 1-10 in this Code and the Commissioner shall report such failure to the Chairman of the Board of Licenses for appropriate action.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

IN CITY COUNCIL
FEB. 21, 2002
FIRST READING
READ AND PASSED
Michael S. Clement

IN CITY COUNCIL
MAR 7 2002
FINAL READING
READ AND PASSED
Michael S. Clement

APPROVED
MAR 12 2002
Michael S. Clement
MAYOR

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City of Providence, Rhode Island

TO: Michael Clement, City Clerk

FROM: Council President John J. Lombardi 

RE: Letter from Providence Foundation Supporting
Ordinance Providing Emergency Police Details

DATE: Wednesday, February 20, 2002

Attached please find correspondence delivered to me today from Daniel A. Baudouin, executive director of the Providence Foundation.

I would like to request the correspondence be submitted into the official record of the February 21, 2002 council meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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February 20, 2002



Council President John Lombardi
City of Providence
City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Re: Proposed Ordinance Providing Emergency
Police Details for Certain Establishments
Council Docket Number 55, February 21, 2002

Dear Council President Lombardi:

The Providence Foundation supports the passage of this proposed ordinance.

The number of attractions and visitors to Providence are increasing. The security plans and powers need to reflect these changes. The Foundation believes that the ordinance will provide the Commissioner of Public Safety with a needed tool to manage certain situations.

The Providence Foundation is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the proper development of downtown Providence and the City. It is supported by 100 leading companies and institutions.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel A. Baudouin'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Daniel A. Baudouin
Executive Director

DAB:pap

Cc: Mayor Cianci
Commissioner Partington
Police Chief Sullivan

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