

City of Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

CHAPTER 2005-29

No. 227 **AN ORDINANCE** REQUIRING THE MAILING AND
POSTING OF NOTICES IN ENGLISH AND OTHER LANGUAGES

Approved May 15, 2005

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

WHEREAS, a substantial percentage of the population of the City of Providence has a first language other than English; and

WHEREAS, It is very important that residents be able to understand notices related to such important matters as zoning, licenses, and historic districts, amongst others.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.

- (a) All notices that the city or any of its agencies requires to be sent to designated members of the public regarding matters including, but not limited to, licensing, zoning or historic districts, must be provided in both English and in all languages that are the first languages of more than 10% of city residents, as determined by the United States Census Bureau.
- (b) Notices that the city or any of its agencies, or any applicant, publishes in a newspaper of general circulation shall be printed in English, but shall include the title, as well as a sentence in distinctive print, in all languages that are the first languages of more than 10% of city residents, as determined by the United States Census Bureau, and shall include a phone number that may be called for translation into those languages.
- (c) When such notices or mailings invite the recipients' or readers' attendance at a hearing or other meeting, such notice shall provide that, upon 24 hours advance request, the city shall make its best efforts to have a translator available to translate the meeting into any language that is the first

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language of more than 10% of city residents, as determined by the United States Census Bureau.

(d) The city shall not be liable for any mistranslations.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect on September 1, 2005.

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