

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

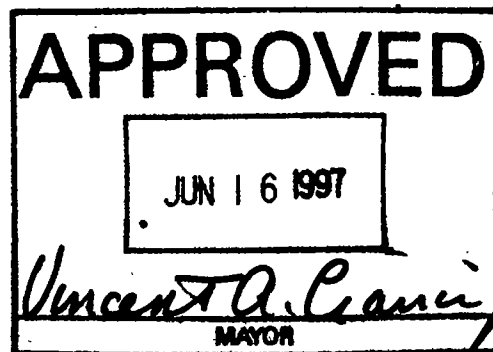
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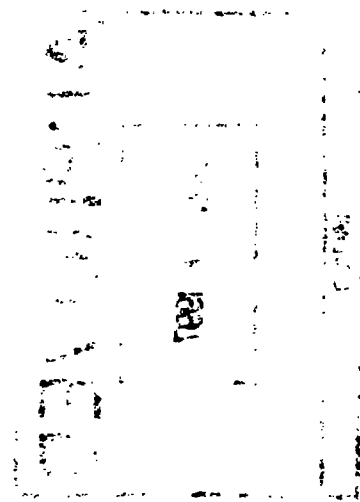
Approved June 16, 1997

RESOLVED, That the Chief of Police and his department are requested to enforce that section of the Code of Ordinances that addresses "Graffiti Prohibited" Sections 16-141 and 16-142.

IN CITY COUNCIL
JUN 5 1997
READ AND PASSED

Enghyn V. Fargnoli
PRES.
Michael R. Clement
CLERK





Council President Jargoli (By Request)

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*Also ref the
graffiti for removal*

[Signature]

169 Sandringham Avenue
Providence, R.I. 02908

March 27, 1997

Mayor's Anti-Graffiti Office
591 Charles Street
Providence, R.I. 02904

Dear sirs,

I would like to thank you for all the work you have done to clean up the city of Providence and to bring to your attention a matter of concern.

There is a form of graffiti which involves gluing hand-bills, bumper stickers and posters onto traffic signal control boxes, metal traffic poles and similar places. It appears to me there is more of this form of graffiti than I can ever remember.

I'm sure it's just as difficult to remove these items, which have been glued with weather-proof adhesives, as it must be to clean spray paint. I would expect that this problem can be solved more easily than the spray paint graffiti. The posters are advertising for businesses, events or individuals. Ultimately, the sponsoring business or organization has the responsibility over what happens to their materials.

In effect, they are defacing public and private property with their posters, just as the individuals with spray paint. It's a shame to see the beautifully designed lamp posts, and the newly installed traffic poles and signal boxes be turned into billboards for bumper stickers, hand bills and the like. Even as the papers disintegrate with the weather, the adhesives remain.

I am requesting that this matter be investigated by your Office and if it is not within your area of jurisdiction, that you pass this on to the proper agency.

Once again, thank you for all that you do to keep the city of Providence free of graffiti.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

David A. Vito, O.D.

cc: Honorable Vincent A. Cianci
Evelyn Fargnoli