

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 51

Effective ~~Approved~~ February 14, 2000

WHEREAS, McAuley House has been a part of our community in Elmwood and in the City of Providence for over 20 years, and

WHEREAS, It has served the community as a whole, by providing food and social services for the needy, and

WHEREAS, It seems that McAuley House has distanced itself away from the community as a whole, concentrating solely on its mission as it sees it; and

WHEREAS, The Board is compiled of Twenty Seven (27) members, only one lives in Elmwood, Seven (7) in the City of Providence, and the other Twenty (20) members in other cities and towns in Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, The whole community of Elmwood and the City of Providence have supported McAuley House for over Twenty (20) Years and will continue to support McAuley House in its current location on Niagara and Atlantic Avenue, despite complaints from nearby neighbors of public urination and defecation and the disposal of food on abutting and near-by properties. There has also been a problem with an alarm system that went off nightly with no response from McAuley House until recently when the alarm system was disconnected; and

WHEREAS, McAuley House has indicated they wish to move their facility from Niagara Street to 622 Elmwood Avenue in the heart of the Ward Nine Redevelopment Area; and

WHEREAS, The Director of McAuley Corporation did not notify the neighborhood or her Board until after a Purchase and Sales Agreement was signed between the Seller of 622 Elmwood Avenue and an anonymous donor; and

WHEREAS, The Community has attempted to schedule a meeting of the neighborhood as a whole with McAuley House; and

WHEREAS, The Director finally scheduled Four meetings, none at a time or place convenient to working people who would like to attend the meeting; and

WHEREAS, The Director of McAuley House refused to reschedule a meeting, convenient to most folks in the neighborhood; and

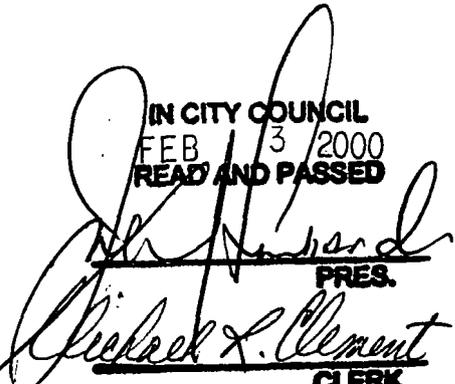
WHEREAS, With a total of Seventy Seven (77) meal sites in the State of Rhode Island, Thirty Eight (38) are located in Providence (49%), and of that Forty Nine Percent (49%), Thirty Four Percent (34%) are located in the 02907 Zip Code area; and

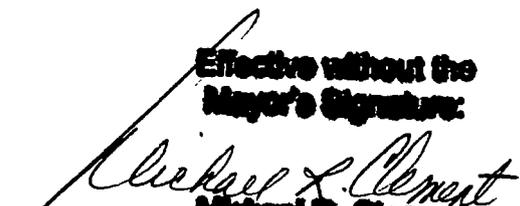
WHEREAS, The residents of Elmwood and the City of Providence are requesting McAuley House inform the Community of any proposed plan by way of holding public hearings, which would be advertised in local and community newspapers.

Councilwoman Nolan

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council place a Ninety (90) Day Moratorium on McAuley House relocating their meal site to 622 Elmwood Avenue until such time as they hold a public hearing on any and all existing and proposed projects, convenient to the majority of neighborhood people and in that time frame the community can do an impact study. All perspective building permits will be put on hold, and if such public hearings are not held in a timely fashion, said Resolution shall be extended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That McAuley House respond in writing to the Providence City Council as to what it intends to do about these problems within Ninety (90) Days of the passage of this Resolution.

**IN CITY COUNCIL**  
**FEB 3 2000**  
**READ AND PASSED**  
  
**PRES.**  
**CLERK**

**Effective without the Mayor's Signature:**  
  
**Michael R. Clement**  
**City Clerk**