

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 332

Approved July 31, 2017

WHEREAS, The City of Providence has an interest in promoting civic engagement, transparent government, and economic development through free and easy access to public information and the creation of partnership opportunities among city government, the public, and private and nonprofit entities; and

WHEREAS, Open government data is an integral tool that can be used to continuously and intelligently improve city services, streamline internal processes, and increase transparency; and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council has demonstrated the value of transparency by going above and beyond state law and standard practice with implementation of the Open Meetings portal; and

WHEREAS, The publishing of open data and creation of tools that allow residents to access, respond to, and engage with public information that promotes civic engagement, economic development, data driven decision making and internal improvement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City of Providence shall encourage public consumption of information through OPENPVD.COM and consult the community, standards groups, and data consumers regarding potential data releases to ensure that stakeholders have access to meaningful and useful data; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Providence shall encourage public consumption of information through OPENPVD.COM to foster transparency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Providence shall plan and execute the publishing of public information produced by its departments. The departments should review datasets with guidance of the Department of Information Technology and the Law Department prior to release to ensure safeguarding of sensitive information; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Information Technology shall set standards for published data in alignment with best practices, to ensure the quality and integrity of all data released by the City.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED

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Mayor

Date: 7/31/17