



## Executive Chamber, City of Providence

JOSEPH R. PAOLINO, JR.  
MAYOR

June 18, 1984

The Honorable Members  
The City Council of the  
City of Providence  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

**IN CITY COUNCIL**  
**JUN 21 1984**  
**READ**  
**WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT**  
**THE SAME BE RECEIVED.**  
*Joseph M. Mendonça* **CLERK**

Dear Honorable Members:

I hereby disapprove and veto an ordinance establishing a City of Providence Contract Negotiating Board for the following reasons:

(1) Negotiation of collective bargaining agreements is, and must remain a function of the Executive branch of government.

(2) My approval of such an ordinance would seriously encumber the ability of an elected Mayor to conduct labor negotiations in the manner he or she sees fit.

Notwithstanding my objections to this ordinance, I endorse the position that officials in the Executive and Legislative branches of government whose responsibilities include labor and personnel matters should have a voice in the negotiation of collective bargaining agreements. Therefore, I would welcome establishment of a Contract Negotiating Board, similar to the one established by the aforesaid ordinance, to serve in a strictly advisory capacity.

Respectfully,

*Joseph R. Paolino, Jr.*  
JOSEPH R. PAOLINO, JR.  
Mayor of Providence

## City of Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

## CHAPTER

No. **AN ORDINANCE** ESTABLISHING A CITY OF  
PROVIDENCE CONTRACT NEGOTIATING BOARD.

Approved

~~Be it ordained by the City of Providence:~~

It is the intention of the City Council and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Rhode Island, and the Sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered to accomplish such intention.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE:

SECTION 1. There is hereby established a City of Providence Contract Negotiating Board which shall comprise of the Mayor, or his designee, the Finance Director, the Personnel Director, the Chairperson of the Committee on Finance of the City Council or designee and the City Council President, or designee, who is a Member of the City Council; the non-voting member shall be the City Solicitor.

SECTION 2. This Board shall negotiate all contracts with any and all labor unions which would involve wages, hours and conditions of employment by and between the City of Providence and the respective labor unions.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its Passage and all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

IN CITY COUNCIL

MAY 17 1984

First Reading Read and Passed  
Referred to Committee on

FINANCE

Rose M. Mendonca CLERK

IN CITY COUNCIL

JUN 7 1984

FINAL READING  
READ AND PASSEDLouis R. Stravato  
PRESIDENTRose M. Mendonca  
CLERK

Veto  
John L. Lawrence  
Mayor  
June 17, 1984

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Rose M. Mendonca CLERK

THE COMMITTEE ON

FINANCE

Approves Passage of  
The Within Ordinance

Rose M. Mendonca  
Clerk Chairman  
May 7, 1984

THE COMMITTEE ON

FINANCE

Approves Passage of  
The Within Ordinance

Rose M. Mendonca  
Clerk Chairman  
May 21, 1984

Councilman Annaldo and Councilwoman Tognoli