



RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 208

EFFECTIVE May 14, 2023

WHEREAS, The Rhode Island State House should be accessible for every Rhode Islander; and

WHEREAS, Paying to park can be a barrier of entry for many seeking civic engagement at the State House; and

WHEREAS, Every parking space around the State House is metered requiring payments to park; and

WHEREAS, Providing spaces where citizens can park free of charge would improve equality of access to those seeking to engage with the State House and the public processes that happen therein; and

WHEREAS, Facilitating access to the legislative process is a primary function of Government; and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council recognizes the barrier of entry posed by the paid parking meters around the Rhode Island State House.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby requests that the traffic engineer and parking enforcement either disable the parking meters or abstain from collecting payment in the spaces surrounding the Rhode Island State House anytime the General Assembly is in session.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Mayor of Providence, the director of the Department of Public Works, the traffic engineer, and parking enforcement.

IN CITY COUNCIL
MAY 04 2023
READ AND PASSED


RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT

CLERK

Effective without the
Mayor's Signature


Tina L. Mastroianni
City Clerk