

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

*No. 457*

**Approved November 25, 2025**

WHEREAS, Clear and reliable enforcement of City ordinances is essential to protecting the well-being of Providence residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, Several departments share enforcement responsibilities, including the Board of Licensing, the Department of Inspection and Standards, and the Providence Police Department; and

WHEREAS, A focused, short-term review of current practices and challenges would help the Council and the Administration improve outcomes for residents and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:


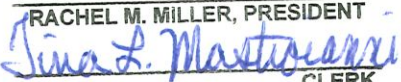
1. **Creation.** A Working Group on the enforcement of City ordinances related to life at night (“the Working Group”) is hereby established to examine the City’s current approach to enforcement and recommend improvements.
2. **Composition.** The Working Group shall include:
  - (a) Council President Miller, or designee
  - (b) Councilor Justin Roias, or designee
  - (c) Two appointees by the City Council
  - (d) Two appointees by the Mayor’s Office
  - (e) The Director of the Department of Arts, Culture and Tourism of the City of Providence, or designee
  - (f) The Licensing Administrator of the City of Providence, or designee
  - (g) One representative from the Providence Police Department

Other individuals with relevant knowledge may be invited to participate at the Working Group’s discretion.

3. **Charge.** The Working Group shall:
  - (a) Review how enforcement responsibilities are currently carried out and how departments currently coordinate
  - (b) Hear from residents and businesses on the enforcement culture, climate, and impact
  - (c) Identify obstacles that limit effective enforcement and areas where practices can be strengthened
  - (d) Review state law that impacts Providence’s ability to determine its nightlife climate and practices
  - (e) Comparison to enforcement policies in other jurisdictions
  - (f) Recommend any steps, whether administrative or legislative, that could improve enforcement
  - (g) Submit a written report with findings and recommendations to the City Council no later than April 1, 2026
4. **Purpose and Powers.** The Working Group may request relevant information from City departments as needed to complete its review, consistent with all applicable laws.
5. **Staffing.** The City Council Policy Office and the City Solicitor’s Office shall provide staff support, and City departments shall cooperate with reasonable requests for materials or briefings.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That it is hereby declared that the public welfare and interest of the citizens of Providence will be best served by establishing a Working Group on the enforcement of City ordinances related to life at night.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
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READ AND PASSED

  
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RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT  
  
CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

  
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Mayor

Date: 11/25/25