

City of Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

CHAPTER 2004-1

No. 1

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE PURCHASE OF FUEL-EFFICIENT VEHICLES

Approved January 16, 2004

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

WHEREAS, Air quality in Providence is a cause for major concern. The air in our city contains unacceptably high levels of smog and soot, air toxics and global warming pollution. The air Providence residents breathe every day does not meet minimum federal standards for air quality. Smog and soot put the health of our children and senior citizens at risk. Smog leads to the formation of ground level ozone, which triggers asthma attacks and has been linked to new cases of adult asthma. According to the American Lung Association of Rhode Island, over 100,000 Rhode Islanders suffer from asthma, including 10,000 Providence residents.

WHEREAS, Exposure to air toxics, like benzene, can lead to the development of cancers like leukemia. The air in Providence County has benzene levels that are eleven times higher than the accepted cancer risk. Meanwhile global warming pollution is creating hotter summers and creating more extreme weather patterns.

WHEREAS, The frequency of air alert days in Rhode Island is on the upswing. On these days seniors, children and even active adults are warned to avoid outdoor exertion because the air may be dangerous to their health. Asthma remains the number one inpatient, outpatient and

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IN CITY COUNCIL

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FIRST READING

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON
ORDINANCES

Richard A. Christ CLERK

THE COMMITTEE ON
ORDINANCES

Approves Passage of

The Village Ordinance, As Amended

Ann M. Holton
CLERK

Aug. 10, 2003

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emergency room diagnosis in pediatrics, and inhalers have become as common as lunchboxes in schools throughout our state.

WHEREAS, Cars and trucks in Rhode Island emit 40% of the smog forming nitrogen and 36% of the hazardous air toxics found in our state's air. The average car on the road today will spew 50 tons of carbon dioxide- the leading cause of global warming- into our air. In order to have healthier air in Providence, we must clean up our cars.

WHEREAS, Providence should lead the way in reducing automobile pollution by adopting a fuel-efficient vehicle procurement policy, which will reduce the amount of pollution created by the city fleet. Massachusetts, New York and other New England states have already implemented such programs and are beginning see the benefits.

NOW THEREFORE,

SECTION 1. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence is hereby amended by adding the following section:

When the City purchases motor vehicles for its municipal operations, each vehicle purchased must be the most fuel-efficient model available that will fulfill the intended municipal function; provided that the vehicle also meets other normal procurement criteria including price, reliability, and life-cycle costs. Hybrid or alternatively fueled vehicles shall be prominently labeled. Among the most fuel-efficient vehicles, a preference shall be given for vehicles with more than 65% of their value from domestic production and for vehicles made in U.S. unionized factories.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

IN CITY COUNCIL
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READ AND PASSED,

AS AMENDED

APPROVED

Michael S. Brown
CLERK

MAYOR

IN CITY COUNCIL

FINAL READING
READ AND PASSED

John J. Santilli
PRESIDENT

Claire E. Bittard
CLERK

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Michael R. Clement
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THE COMMITTEE ON
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Approves Passage of
The Within Ordinance, as Amended

John M. Stein
12-10-03 Clerk

Councilman Segal