

City of Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

CHAPTER 1978-15

No. 329 **AN ORDINANCE** ABATING TAXES ON REHABILITATED PROPERTY.

Approved June 6, 1978

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

SECTION 1. Definitions.

(a) "Qualifying Homesteader" shall mean any person(s) or non-profit organization as presently defined in Section 501 (c) (3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code, who have purchased an abandoned building and hold a recorded deed and who shall rehabilitate and occupy said building.

(b) "Abatements" shall include all real estate taxes and any other municipal liens attached to the property including costs of acquisition by the City of Providence, up to the date of purchase by qualifying Homesteader.

(c) "Abandoned Building" shall mean any structure which (1) has been completely vacant over 90 days and (2) has been boarded up or has been scheduled to be boarded up by the Department of Building Inspection or Division of Code Enforcement as determined by Section 124.713-40 of the Housing Code of the City of Providence and Section 124.7 of the Building Code of the City of Providence.

SECTION 2. Abatements should be considered on an individual basis. Neighborhood associations may make recommendations on behalf of their members.

SECTION 3. The categories of property which qualify for abatement shall be abandoned buildings with back taxes owing that are acquired by qualifying Homesteaders.

SECTION 4. Applications for abatement shall be made with the City Collector and shall provide him with all necessary documentation. The necessary documentation shall be determined by the City Collector's Office.

SECTION 5. All property where an application for abatement is pending and is deemed as bonifide by the City Collector, shall not be offered for tax sale. Title on all property which has been sold at a prior tax sale and on which an application for abatement is pending, shall not be assigned or transferred by the

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City Treasurer. No current tax payment shall be applied for satisfaction of back taxes due and owing.

SECTION 6. The final approval of abatement of back taxes may be granted after the City Collector has received the following:

- (a) Sworn affidavit of occupancy by owner for at least One (1) Year.
- (b) Certification of Building Inspector that building permits have been applied for and complied with.
- (c) Certification from the Division of Minimum Housing that the property is in compliance with the Providence Minimum Housing Standards.
- (d) A certificate of clear title, but for municipal liens.

SECTION 7. Upon presentation of the foregoing documents, the City Collector shall recommend to the City Council, the abatement of all taxes due and owing on acquisition by qualifying Homesteader. Final approval of abatement may be granted no later than Three (3) Years from date of initial application.

SECTION 8. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

IN CITY COUNCIL

MAY 16 1978
FIRST READING
READ AND PASSED

Rose M. Mendonca CLERK

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JUN 1 1978
FINAL READING
READ AND PASSED
Ralph Fagnol
PRESIDENT
Rose M. Mendonca
CLERK

APPROVED

Vincent A. Gauri
JUN 6 1978

THE COMMITTEE ON

FINANCE

Approves Passage of
The Within Ordinance

Rose M. Mendonca
Chairman Clerk

May 11, 1978

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