

# City of Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

## CHAPTER 2007-52

No. 505

### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED: "EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT" SECTION 7-15, ET SEQ.

Approved NOVEMBER 26, 2007

*Be it ordained by the City of Providence:*

#### Section 1

Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence is hereby amended in part to read as follows:

Sec. 7-17            Emergency Siren Warning Systems

(a) No person shall install or operate an Emergency Siren Warning System (ESWS) without Written approval by the Providence Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security (PEMA).

(b) Any person, business or institution wishing to install an ESWS on their property, is required to submit a written request for approval to the Providence Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security (PEMA) and show cause for such system.

(c) Any Emergency Siren Warning System approved by PEMA shall:

1. be capable of being integrated with the communication and other system requirements of PEMA;
2. have a common alarm, tone and sequence which satisfies the requirements of PEMA for emergency alarm notification;
3. be tested at a minimum internally twice a year and externally once a year; and
4. comply with all regulations and requirements adopted by PEMA.

(d) Any owner or operator of an approved ESWS shall:

1. have an implementation plan which is provided to and approved by PEMA and PEMA's Emergency Siren Warning System Advisory Committee; and
2. undertake, at its own cost, periodic public outreach to all residents and business within auditory range regarding the approved uses, testing schedule and protocol for obtaining additional information and appropriate responses upon activation of the ESWS.
3. execute a Memorandum of Understanding in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor, providing appropriate assurances that the City shall be indemnified or held harmless for losses, as described in subsection (g).

## (e) Emergency Siren Warning System Advisory Committee

The Emergency Siren Warning System Advisory Committee shall consist of one representative from the following organizations: (i) Providence Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security (PEMA), (ii) Providence Fire Department, (iii) Providence Police Department, (iv) Providence Communication Division, and (v) others to be determined at the discretion of the director of PEMA.

## (f) Yearly fee

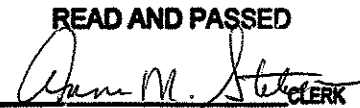
The applicant for an ESWS shall attach to the written request for approval a check in the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) payable to the treasurer of the City of Providence, this being the yearly fee required for the privilege of integration of the applicant's system to the emergency management system. Such fee shall be due and payable in full on or before the first day of January of each year thereafter, but provided that if the service is applied for during the year, the applicant shall pay only that portion of the fee which the unexpired portion of the year bears to the full fee of three hundred dollars (\$300.00).

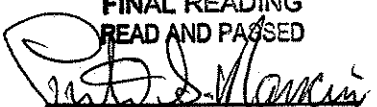

## (g) City not liable for losses


The City of Providence shall not be responsible or liable and no cause of action shall arise or be asserted against said city as a result of any losses, damages or injuries of any type whatsoever, to life or property, which may arise or occur to the applicant, or the applicant's heirs, successors or assigns as a result of the failure of the ESWS to function properly or of the city's emergency management system to function properly, whether considered jointly or severally and further the city shall in no way be held liable or responsible for any damages, losses or injuries to persons or property, which may be occasioned or arise by reason of the applicant's ESWS alarm system being connected to the city emergency management system, and in any such event the city shall be held harmless.

**Section 2**

This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

**IN CITY COUNCIL**  
NOV 1 2007  
**FIRST READING**  
**READ AND PASSED**  
  
CLERK

**IN CITY COUNCIL**  
NOV 15 2007  
**FINAL READING**  
**READ AND PASSED**  
  
PRESIDENT  
  
CLERK

**APPROVED**  
  
11/26/07  
**MAYOR**