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Councilman Philip F. Addison, Jr., Chairman
Committee on Public Welfare
City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Councilman Addison,

In compliance with your request(s) please be advised that beginning in January of every year a public announcement is made in the Journal-Bulletin, for three successive weeks, concerning the issuance of permits. These permits are issued on a first-come-first-served basis. For the majority these permits are issued so that softball, hardball and soccer teams can use these fields for practice sessions. Once the leagues begin -- predominatly softball -- preference is given to city teams and city leagues. In many instances we simply do not have enough fields. As an example: We have seventy-seven registered teams that participate in city based fields (including lighted fields). In addition to these we have a "Y" league, church leagues, Community Workshops, American Mathematical Society League, Jewish Community Center League, and on it goes. In addition, we have six hardball teams that have no place to practice or play their league games. This is only pertinent to softball and hardball. We also have a very heavy involvement with soccer. There are very few areas that are league size concerning soccer. Throw in Rugby, carnevales and special requests you get a fairly composite view of the situations



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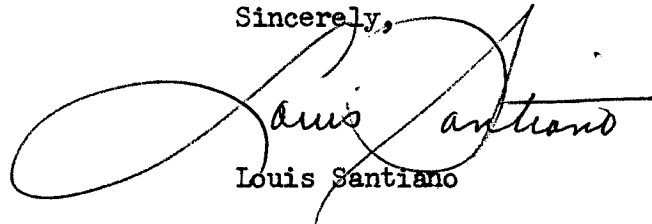
confronting this department when someone asks for a permit. I failed to mention permits for fields used almost exclusively for one season and are issued only once, i.e., Little League, Babe Ruth, Senior Little League, Senior Babe Ruth, C.Y.O., etc.

A light fee of thirty-five dollars per evening is levied during district, state and national softball tournaments. All monies collected throughout these tournaments for the season as well as those monies collected during league play are given to the City of Providence General Treasury. The cost incurred by these teams is for the use of the lights.

To do a comprehensive job on all of the above requires the major portion of one person's efforts for a major portion of the year.

If there is any further information you may need please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,


Louis Santiano

IN CITY COUNCIL

MAY 5 1977

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WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE RECEIVED


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