



**Executive Office, City of Providence, Rhode Island**

VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.

MAYOR

March 25, 1994

The Honorable Michael R. Clement  
City Clerk  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Mr. Clerk:

In accordance with Sections 302(f) and 412 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, I hereby disapprove and veto the attached ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF AND IN ADDITION TO CHAPTER 17 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE BY ADDING SECTION 17-34, ENTITLED: "STANDARD OF CONDUCT OF ELECTED OFFICIALS."

I have taken this action because the Rhode Island Campaign and Expenditures Reporting Act (R.I.G.L. § 17-25-1, et seq.) already provides for the reporting of contributions received to aid or promote the nomination and election of all candidates for public office. Additionally, this ordinance which provides for the reporting of contributions from business entities would clearly conflict with a provision of state law (R.I.G.L. § 17-25-10.1[h]) which prohibits *any* contributions from business entities of any type. To adopt a municipal ordinance which regulates an activity already *prohibited* by state law is not only illogical but illegal, in that it would constitute an invasion by a municipality on the power reserved to the General Assembly by Article IV of the State Constitution.

Very truly yours,

*Vincent A. Cianci*

VINCENT A. CIANCI, JR.

Mayor of Providence

IN CITY COUNCIL

APR 7 1994  
READ; AND MAYOR'S VETO

*Michael R. Clement*  
CLERK IS SUSTAINED

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DEPT. OF TREASURY  
PROVIDENCE, R.I.

# City of Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

## CHAPTER

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*Approved*

**Be it ordained by the City of Providence:**

SECTION 1. Upon the award of any contract to any person, firm, partnership or other business entity wherein goods or services are provided to the City at a cost of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or more, said person, firm, partnership or other business entity shall report all contributions of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) or more made to any municipal elected official or to any individual declared as a candidate for any municipal elective office. The same shall be contained in an affidavit to be filed with the Department of Administration of the City.

SECTION 2. The reporting requirement contained herein shall be contained in any request for proposal for any contract required by the City.

SECTION 3. The Director of Administration shall provide that all affidavits filed hereunder be opened to the public.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
MAR 3 1994  
FIRST READING  
READ AND PASSED

*Michael L. Clement* CLERK

IN CITY  
COUNCIL  
MAR 17 1994  
FINAL READING  
READ AND PASSED

*James H. ...*  
PRESIDENT  
*Michael L. Clement*  
CLERK

*I hereby disapprove and veto  
Vincenta Ciara Jr.  
Mayor - March 25, 1994*

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IN CITY COUNCIL

*Jan. 2 1992*  
FIRST READING  
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON  
ORDINANCES

*Michael R. Genet* CLERK

*Councilman Denton*

THE COMMITTEE ON  
ORDINANCES

Recommends

*Be Continued*

*Barbara A. Fairies*  
Clerk

*6/3/92 10/28/92*  
*10/22/92 11/17/92*  
*11/17/93*

THE COMMITTEE ON  
ORDINANCES

Approves Passage of  
The Within Ordinance

*Barbara A. Fairies*  
Chairman  
*2/16/94*