

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 646

Approved December 23, 2004

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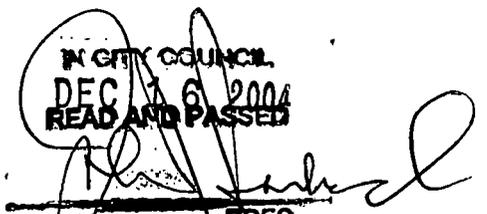
WHEREAS, The above-referenced stores stated that they made the change in policy, based on customer complaints about aggressive solicitation practices by other charitable organizations, not including the Salvation Army, whose volunteers do not directly solicit individuals for donations; and

WHEREAS, The Salvation Army depends on the holiday season “bell ringing” to raise a large portion of its donated funds; and

WHEREAS, Limiting access to major department stores and supermarkets will undermine the Salvation Army’s ability to raise much needed funds for its programs; and

WHEREAS, The Salvation Army has stationed bell ringers outside stores for generations to help raise funds for the needy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council does hereby encourage local and locally-based retail businesses to allow duly authorized Salvation Army volunteer “bell ringers” to accept donations outside of their establishments.

IN CITY COUNCIL
DEC 23 2004
READ AND PASSED

PRES.
Michael R. Clement
CLERK

APPROVED

12/23/04
MAYOR

Councilwoman Young, Councilman Jackson, Councilwoman Honan, Councilman Allen
Councilman Buzze, Councilman Leno, Sports.

December 16, 2004 Council Docket
Council President Lombardi

Title:

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