

City of Providence  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

CHAPTER 2025-17

No. 217 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 16 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE ENTITLED "OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS", AMENDING SECTION 16-128 ENTITLED "APPEALS"

EFFECTIVE April 27, 2025

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

Section 1. Chapter 16 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, entitled "Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions" is hereby amended as follows:

Section 16-128. Appeals

(a) Appeals process. Assessments of civil penalty(ies) and other enforcement decisions made under this ordinance may be appealed by filing a written notice of appeal with the Providence Police Department within thirty (30) days after the date of notification of the assessment of civil penalty(ies) or other enforcement decision. The failure to give notice of appeal within this time period shall constitute a waiver of the right to contest the assessment of penalty(ies) or other enforcement decision. Appeals shall be heard through an administrative process established the Municipal Court.

(b) Appeal standard. The Municipal Court shall review an appeal from the assessment of civil penalty(ies) or other enforcement decisions using a preponderance of the evidence standard. Notwithstanding a determination that the preponderance of the evidence supports the assessment of civil penalty(ies) or other enforcement decision, the Municipal Court shall have the discretion to dismiss or reduce civil penalty(ies) or reverse any other enforcement decision where warranted.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
APR 03 2025  
FIRST READING  
READ AND PASSED

Tina L. Mastroianni  
CLERK

IN CITY  
COUNCIL  
APR 17 2025  
FINAL READING  
READ AND PASSED

RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT  
CLERK

Effective without the  
Mayor's Signature

Tina L. Mastroianni

Tina L. Mastroianni  
City Clerk