

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No.398

EFFECTIVE October 18, 2021

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Chapter 15, Article VII, Section 15-103 of the Providence Code of Ordinances, it is illegal to operate a recreational off-road vehicle, which includes all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and dirt bikes, within the limits of the City; and

WHEREAS, In 2015 the City Council passed the ordinance outlawing the operation of snowmobiles, ATVs, and other recreational vehicles from operating within the City limits in direct response to an increase in ATV and recreational vehicle activity; and

WHEREAS, In 2017 the Council passed an amendment to the same ordinance to provide the Providence Police Department with the power to confiscate and destroy ATVs and recreational vehicles caught operating within the City's limits; and

WHEREAS, Recreational off-road vehicles are banned from operating on city streets as they were not designed for that use which creates significant safety hazards for the public as well as the operators of the vehicles; and

WHEREAS, The illegal operation of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and dirt bikes in Providence over the past few years has created significant public safety concerns for motorists, pedestrians, and residents alike; and

WHEREAS, The reckless operation of these vehicles on city streets and sidewalks can result in collisions with pedestrians and other motorists, confusion and fear for other motorists trying to safely use city streets, and significant noise pollution and degradation of the quality of life for residents in the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, As the elected representatives of the people of Providence, the Providence City Council has an obligation to ensure the safety of our residents; and

WHEREAS, The City Council has responded legislatively to the problem of increased ATV and dirt bike activity, provided all of the tools requested, and it now requires that a stronger commitment is made to enforce the existing ordinances of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby demands that the Mayor of Providence enforce the Providence Code of Ordinances, specifically Section 15-103, to prohibit the operation of ATVs and recreational vehicles within the limits of the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the Mayor of Providence, the Commissioner of Public Safety, and the Chief of Police.

Effective without the
Mayor's Signature

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City Clerk

IN CITY COUNCIL
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READ AND PASSED

John J. Gliozzi
JOHN J. GLIOZZI, PRESIDENT

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