



RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 30
EFFECTIVE January 28, 2024

WHEREAS, The City of Providence is home to a rich array of historic properties that reflect its diverse and long history; and

WHEREAS, Historic homes are not only architectural treasures but also serve as tangible connections to Providence’s past, fostering a sense of beauty, continuity and identity; and

WHEREAS, The recent demolition of three historic homes on Angell Street in Providence’s College Hill: 217 Angell, built in 1839, 211 Angell, built in 1895 and 209 Angell, built in 1857 has caused considerable public outcry and concern for the future of our city’s heritage; and

WHEREAS, With no future plans in place, the loss of these historic structures represents an irreplaceable loss to the City of Providence architectural and cultural legacy; and

WHEREAS, The preservation of historic homes is essential to maintaining the unique character of neighborhoods in Providence, contributing to the quality of life and community pride; and



WHEREAS, Growth, density and sustainable development can still be achieved while also integrating historic preservation into city planning, thereby balancing growth with the protection of our historic vibrancy.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council of Providence hereby condemns the recent demolition of historic homes in the city and recognizes the detrimental impact such actions have on the preservation of our historic vibrancy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council urges the city’s Planning Department, Department of Inspections and Standards and Historic District Commission to strengthen and enforce regulations pertaining to the preservation of historic structures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council increased collaboration between city officials, property owners, developers, and preservation organizations such as the Providence Preservation Society to protect historic properties at risk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council that this resolution be distributed to the Office of Mayor Smiley, the Department of Inspections and Standards, the Providence Preservation Society and any other relevant city departments, local preservation organizations, and community groups, to affirm our commitment to preserving Providence’s historic housing stock.

IN CITY COUNCIL
JAN 18 2024
READ AND PASSED

RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT

CLERK

Effective without the
Mayor's Signature

Tina L. Mastroianni
City Clerk