

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

*No. 467*

Approved November 26, 2024

WHEREAS, The Providence Preservation Society (PPS) is a non-profit organization that was established in 1956 with a mission to “support and advocate for historic preservation, thoughtful design, and people-centered planning in Providence”; and

WHEREAS, Unlike many preservation organizations of the time, PPS operated with the understanding that the work of preservation is not defined by the fight to protect singular examples of architecture, but to engage communities in planning and zoning policy; and

WHEREAS, Their work to preserve the historic fabric of our city has contributed mightily to defining Providence’s unique cultural identity; and

WHEREAS, Since its founding, PPS has evolved into a unique civic and community resource with a distinguished history of grassroots advocacy, visionary education and training programs, and scholarship on and about the city, and

WHEREAS, The work of PPS goes beyond protecting the legacies we have inherited from the past but also toward considering how those legacies should be defined for the future; and

WHEREAS, “The Old Brick School House” of 24 Meeting Street was built in 1769 and serves as PPS’s main address and is an exemplary example of modern preservation, as it is the oldest school building still in existence in Rhode Island and one of the earliest surviving brick school houses in the country; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence benefits immensely from having an organization like PPS that possesses the considerable knowledge and variety of skills required by successful preservation; and


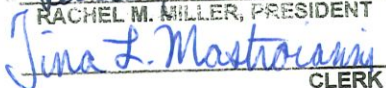
WHEREAS, Their mission as a not for profit organization aligns them with similar not for profit organizations that receive property tax exemption status; and

WHEREAS, Granting them this status for their property at 24 Meeting Street will help them continue their valuable work in and for the City of Providence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council is formally requesting that the Rhode Island General Assembly grant tax exemption to the Providence Preservation Society for their property located at 24 Meeting Street, effective September 1, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, a copy of this resolution be sent to the members of the Rhode Island State Senate, the members of the Rhode Island State House of Representatives, the Office of Mayor Brett Smiley, and the Providence Preservation Society.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
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READ AND PASSED

  
RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT  
  
CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

  
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Mayor

Date: 11/26/24