

**THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE**  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 112

EFFECTIVE ~~APPROX~~ March 18, 2013

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council approved Resolution No. 258 on April 19, 2012, calling for an inquiry into nightclub licensing and safety in response to violent incidents that occurred in 2012 at late-night entertainment venues; and

WHEREAS, The primary goals of the review were to identify tools to maintain and expand a dynamic and robust nightlife in Providence, and to ensure the safe enjoyment of the city's nighttime arts, entertainment, and cultural offerings; and

WHEREAS, The City Council Committee on Ordinances held five public meetings, May through June 2012, to discuss nightclub licensing and safety issues, and heard testimony from City officials, nightclub owners, residents, and representatives from business improvement and civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, In addition to suggestions from stakeholders on how to improve Providence nightlife policies and regulations, the committee reviewed other cities' laws and policies; and

WHEREAS, The Committee on Ordinances submitted the Entertainment Licensing and Nightclub Safety Report and Recommendations to the City Council on January 3, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The City Council recognizes that ensuring a safe and vibrant nightlife in Providence contributes to the local economy, and promotes positive cultural and recreational experiences for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, The report recommended policies and legislation to achieve a safe and vibrant nightlife in Providence; and

WHEREAS, A key recommendation included an overhaul of recordkeeping practices, and creation of synchronized electronic records among departments involved in licensing matters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby request that, within one (1) week of the passage of this resolution, the Board of Licenses consult with the Division of Information Technology to develop comprehensive electronic records of licensees, violations, dispositions of violations, and penalties that will be searchable by date, entity type, entity name, offense, penalty, and any other pertinent data necessary and/or desirable for reporting purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council requests that the Director of Information Technology guide the development of a synchronized database of records pertaining to all licensees, to be jointly accessible by the Board of Licenses, the Law Department and the Police Department, and that such database be created and in use no later than one hundred and twenty (120) days from the date of passage of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Director of Information Technology, the Chairman of the Board of Licenses, the Licensing Administrator, the City Solicitor, the Chief of Police, and the Commissioner of Public Safety.

**IN CITY  
COUNCIL**

**MAR 07 2013  
FINAL READING  
READ AND PASSED**

  
**PRESIDENT**

  
**CLERK**

Effective without the  
Mayor's Signature

  
Anna M. Stetson  
City Clerk