

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 662

Approved December 17, 2012

WHEREAS, The City of Providence lacks a uniform policy with respect to the leasing of city-owned vacant lots for the purposes of community gardening and urban farming; and

WHEREAS, The benefits of urban agriculture are numerous, ranging from reducing storm-water pollution, providing non-structural flood prevention and mitigation and providing green, open space to improving air quality, public health and local property values; and

WHEREAS, Access to affordable healthy food is critically important in the promotion of healthy, active lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, Other cities have enjoyed success with public initiatives designed to combat blighted properties and increase the production, distribution, sale and consumption of locally grown food; and

WHEREAS, Both this Council and His Honor, the Mayor, agree that it would be in the best interest of the city and its residents to lease city-owned, vacant lots to organizations well positioned to put them to productive use; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Article IV, Section 416 of the City's Home Rule Charter, the Council must approve the lease of city-owned real property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City of Providence is hereby authorized by this City Council to enter into a lease agreement, with South Side Community Land Trust, 109 Somerset Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02907, for an initial period not to exceed five years, for 66 Tanner Street, for the purpose of creating new opportunities for urban farming in the City of Providence.

IN CITY COUNCIL

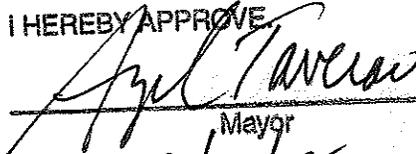
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PRES.


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I HEREBY APPROVE


Mayor
Date: 12/17/12