

CHAPTER 2018-27

No. 353 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 16, "OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS," SECTION 27, "FAILURE TO PAY CITY FEES"

Approved June 22, 2018

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

SECTION 1. Chapter 16, "Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions," Section 27, "Failure to Pay City Fees," is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 16-27. - Failure to pay City Fees.

- (a) Any individual, organization, or other entity, except a city department, including the water supply board, (hereinafter "entity") with an outstanding balance of more than sixty (60) days after payment was due for police and fire details, or other city services shall be prohibited from obtaining any permits, licenses, licenses renewals, police details, or fire details until the balance is paid in full, and payment has been verified by the city controller.
- (b) Notwithstanding the language of subsection (a), the city controller may offer payment terms to an entity with an outstanding balance more than 60 (sixty) days past due. If the entity agrees to and accepts said terms, the prohibitions contained in subsection (a) shall not apply for as long as the entity acts in compliance with said terms. Payment terms for any such entity shall be as follows:
 - (1) Payment to the city controller of 50 (fifty) percent of total balance more than 60 (sixty) days past due shall be submitted at the time the entry agrees to and accepts the payment terms.
 - a. Nonprofit corporations, charitable organizations, and small businesses shall submit twenty-five (25) percent of the total balance more than sixty (60) days past due, and the entity shall pay the balance through payment terms offered by the city controller.
 - i. "Nonprofit corporations, charitable organizations, and small business" is defined as a business that has its principal office located in Providence and employs twenty five (25) or fewer full-time employees. The location of the "principal office" is the location identified as such in the annual filings submitted by that business to the Rhode Island Department of State.
 - (2) Monthly payment installments on the remaining past due balance shall be made in an amount determined by the city controller.
 - (3) The city controller, subject to the approval of the finance director, is hereby authorized and empowered to comprise interest which may be due on all unpaid city fees that are more than thirty (30) calendar days overdue. The authority hereby vested in the city controller shall apply to interest on fees already assessed or to be assessed from time to time. Interest on unpaid city fees shall accrue at the same rate as the annually established interest rate for unpaid real estate, personal estate, and excise taxes.

- (4) The city controller may, in his/her discretion submit the names of entities seeking forbearance on unpaid fees and interest assessed to the city council whenever doing so appears to be in the interests of the city. The city council may, at any time, review requests of entities seeking forbearance on unpaid fees and interest assessed.
- (5) New police and/or fire detail charges must be paid in full prior to being approved such services.
- (6) Proof of payment and compliance with payment terms shall be provided to the entity by the city controller and such documentation shall be required prior to the entity being approved for new police and/or fire detail services.
- (c) Entities that entered into and are in compliance with payment terms with the city for past due balances prior to the effective date of the ordinance from which this section derives shall not be subject to subsections (a) and (b).

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

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I HEREBY APPROVE.

[Signature]

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Councilman John J. Iglizzi
Chairman
Committee on Finance
25 Dorrance Street
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Chairman Iglizzi:

The purpose of this letter is to express my support for "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 16, "Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions," Section 27, "Failure to Pay City Fees".

I urge my colleagues on the Committee on Finance to approve this ordinance and pass it out to the full Council for vote.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Carmen Castillo
Councilwoman – Ward 9