

City of Providence
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 134

EFFECTIVE April 27, 2020

WHEREAS, The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, is a recognized pandemic that has spread globally and threatens the health, well-being, and financial stability of community members globally; and

WHEREAS, On March 9, 2020, Governor of Rhode Island Gina Raimondo declared, by Executive Order 20-02, a Declaration of Disaster Emergency in connection with the outbreak of the novel coronavirus "COVID-19"; and

WHEREAS, On March 12, 2020, Providence Mayor Jorge Elorza declared a state of emergency for the city of Providence; and

WHEREAS, Since the declaration of the state of emergency within the City, there has been a significant reduction in the services provided by the Department of Public Works especially surrounding the operation of the department's call center and the ability to respond to calls in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, As a result of the reduced services from the Department of Public Works, there has been an unacceptable increase in the amount of trash and bulk items strewn around the City's streets and open spaces with no timetable for their removal; and

WHEREAS, If not dealt with promptly, the rapid accumulation of trash across the City will result in a growing public health issue and interfere with the rendering of other essential city services needed to fight the COVID-19 pandemic.

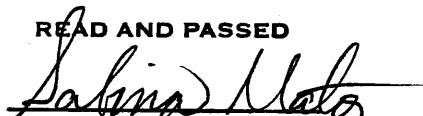
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council requests that the Director of the Department of Public Works submit an operations plan to the City Council that sets forth in detail how the department will meet its obligations to the residents of the City during the COVID-19 pandemic.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of Providence and the Director of the Department of Public Works.

IN CITY COUNCIL

APR 16 2020

READ AND PASSED


PRES.


CLERK

Effective without the
Mayor's Signature



Shawn Selleck
City Clerk