

The City of Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

CHAPTER

No.

AN ^{EMERGENCY} ORDINANCE

IN AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE I,
IN GENERAL BY ADDING SECTION 23-32 TO BE ENTITLED:
"CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON ANY PUBLIC
STREET, PUBLIC SIDEWALK, PUBLIC WAY, OR ANY GROUNDS
OWNED BY THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE," AS AMENDED.

Approved

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

WHEREAS, Repeated incidents which threaten the public peace, property, health and safety have occurred in the City, most specifically in the downtown area in recent days, and

WHEREAS, The situations have been seriously contributed to by public drinking by numerous individuals on the sidewalks, streets and parking lots downtown and throughout the City of Providence, and

WHEREAS, The Police Department has found it increasingly difficult to cope with the situation due to the lack of any ordinance prohibiting the public consumption of alcoholic beverages, and

WHEREAS, In the interest of public peace, health and safety and the protection of public and private property the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby enact the following Ordinance on an emergency basis:

SECTION 1. Article I, In General, is hereby amended by adding Section 23-32 entitled: Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages on any Public Street, Public Sidewalk, Public Way, or any Grounds owned by the City of Providence, or on any licensed parking lot or land. It shall be unlawful for any person to possess, consume from and/or transport an open container of alcoholic beverages on any public street, public sidewalk, or public way or on any grounds owned by the City or on any licensed parking lot or land, within the limits of the City, except that it shall not be unlawful to so possess, consume from and/or transport such an open container at any event or festival duly licensed by the Bureau of Licenses which permits such possession, and/or consumption and/or by any restaurant, and/or licensed establishment patron while on the premises covered by said license, where said restaurant or other licensed establishment has obtained the proper permits as required and/or as prescribed by the City Charter of the City of Providence and/or the Ordinances of the City of Providence and/or the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island.

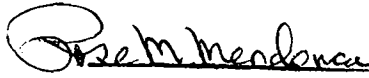
SECTION 2. Any person who commits any of the aforesaid offenses shall be punished by a fine of not less than One Dollar (\$1.00) nor more than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) or by imprisonment of not less than One (1) Day nor more than Thirty (30) Days or by both such fine and such imprisonment. Each day any violation of this Ordinance shall continue, shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by His Honor, the Mayor.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND NOT PASSED

 **CLERK**

THE COMMITTEE ON
LICENSES

Approves Passage of
The Within Ordinance, *as amended*

Rose M. Mendonca
Clerk ^{Chairman}
Nov. 26, 1979