

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 99

Approved February 25, 1977

RESOLVED, that the State Department of Health
is requested to investigate the allegation that certain refuse
hauling operators are not returning clean, empty receptacles
to its customers after pick-ups of full refuse containers.

IN CITY COUNCIL

FEB 17 1977
READ AND PASSED

Robert J. Dwyer
PRES.
Vincent Desjardis
CLERK

APPROVED

MAYOR

Vincent A. Desjardis
FEB 25 1977



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
75 Davis Street
Providence, R. I. 02908

11 March 1977

Mr. Vincent Vespia
City Clerk
City of Providence
City Hall
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Mr. Vespia:

In response to Resolution No. 99 of the City Council dated 25 February 1977, the Department of Health finds no legal justification for being able to take action in the matter.

It appears to be clearly a contractual problem between the refuse hauling operators and their clients. If the problem is compounded by the situation creating filthy conditions or can be declared a nuisance, the city is empowered to take appropriate action under Sections 23-19-4, 5 and 6 of Chapter 23-19 of the Rhode Island General Laws entitled "Local Regulation".

We hope that the foregoing will assist you in gaining control of the situation.

If you have any further questions regarding this condition, please contact Mr. Manuel T. Canario, Jr., Supervisor of our Metropolitan Field Offices I and II, at 277-2749.

Very truly yours,

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Frederick A. Siino
Assistant Director of Health for
Consumer Protection Services

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cc: Dr. Cannon
Mr. Canario