

The City of Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

CHAPTER 1972-69

No. 511 **AN ORDINANCE** OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE APPROVING THE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN AND THE FEASIBILITY OF RELOCATION FOR THE FEDERAL HILL EAST RENEWAL AREA

Approved December 28, 1972

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Title 1 of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development is authorized to provide financial assistance to Local Public Agencies for undertaking and carrying out Neighborhood Development Programs; and

WHEREAS, it is provided in such Act that contracts for financial aid thereunder shall require that the Urban Renewal Plan for the respective urban renewal area comprising the Neighborhood Development Program be approved by the governing body of the locality in which the area is situated and that such approval include findings by the governing body that: (1) the financial aid to be provided in the contract is necessary to enable the Program to be undertaken in accordance with the Urban Renewal Plan; (2) the Urban Renewal Plan will afford maximum opportunity, consistent with the sound needs of the locality as a whole, for the rehabilitation or redevelopment of the urban renewal area by private enterprise; (3) the Urban Renewal Plan conforms to a general plan for the development of the locality as a whole; and (4) the Urban Renewal Plan gives due consideration to the provisions of adequate park and recreational areas and facilities, as may be desirable for neighborhood improvement, with special consideration for the health, safety, and welfare of children residing in the general vicinity of the sites covered by the Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Providence Redevelopment Agency (hereinafter called the "Local Public Agency") undertake and carry out the Neighborhood Development Program (herein called the "Program") identified as the Neighborhood Development Program and encompassing the area bounded by DePasquale Avenue on the west, Kenyon Street on the south, Dean Street and Bond Street on the east and Spruce Street and Atwells Avenue on the north; in the City of Providence, State of Rhode Island (hereinafter called the "Locality"); and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Agency has applied for financial assistance under such Act and proposed to enter into a contract or contracts with the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the undertaking of, and for making available financial assistance for, the Program; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Agency has made studies of the location, physical condition of structures, land use, environmental influences, and social, cultural and economic conditions of the urban renewal area or areas comprising the Program and has determined that the areas are deteriorated, blighted areas and that they are detrimental and a menace to the safety, health, and welfare of the inhabitants and users thereof and of the locality at large, because of buildings or improvements, either used or intended to be used for living, commercial,

industrial or other purposes, or any combination of such uses, which by reason of (1) dilapidation, deterioration, age or obsolescence, (2) inadequate provision for ventilation, light, sanitation, open spaces and recreation facilities, (3) high density of population and overcrowding, (4) defective design or unsanitary or unsafe character or conditions of physical construction, (5) defective or inadequate street and lot layout, (6) mixed character, shifting or deterioration of uses to which they are put, or any combination of such factors and characteristics are conducive to the further deterioration and decline of the area and injuriously effect the entire area. The members of this Governing Body have been fully apprised by the Local Public Agency and are aware of these facts and conditions; and

WHEREAS, there has been prepared and referred to the City Council of the Locality (herein called the "Governing Body") for review and approval, an Urban Renewal Plan for the Federal Hill East Urban Renewal Area, dated , , 1972-1973, and consisting of pages, exhibits, and maps; supported by the following supplementary material data, and recommendations not a part of the Urban Renewal Plan: Relocation Activity Report, consisting of pages and exhibits, and a General Relocation Plan, consisting of pages; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Renewal Plan has been approved by the Governing Body of the Local Public Agency, as evidenced by the copy of said Body's duly certified resolution approving the Urban Renewal Plan which is attached thereto; and

WHEREAS, a general plan has been prepared and is recognized and used as a guide for the general development of the locality as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the City Plan Commission, which is the duly designated and acting official planning body for the Locality, has submitted to the Governing Body its report and recommendations respecting the Urban Renewal Plan for the urban renewal area comprising the Program and has certified that the Urban Renewal Plan conforms to the general plan for the locality as a whole, and the Governing Body has duly considered the report, recommendations, and certification of the planning body; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Agency has prepared and submitted a program for the relocation of individuals and families that may be displaced as a result of carrying out the Program in accordance with the Urban Renewal Plan; and

WHEREAS, there have also been presented to the Governing Body information and data respecting the relocation program which has been prepared by the Local Public Agency as a result of studies, surveys, and inspections in the area comprising the Program and the assembling and analysis of the data and information obtained from such studies, surveys and inspections; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Governing Body have general knowledge of the conditions prevailing in the urban renewal area and of the availability of proper housing in the locality for the relocation of individuals and families that may be displaced by the Program and, in the light of such knowledge of local housing conditions, have carefully considered and reviewed such proposals for relocation; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the Governing Body take appropriate official action respecting the relocation program and the Urban Renewal Plan for the Program, in conformity with the contracts for financial assistance between the Local Public Agency and the United States of America, acting by and through the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body is cognizant of the conditions that are imposed in the undertaking and carrying out of urban renewal activities and undertaking with Federal financial assistance under Title 1; including those prohibiting discrimination because of race, color, creed, or national origin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE:

1. That it is hereby found and determined that the urban renewal area comprising the Program is a deteriorated, blighted area and qualifies as an eligible area under Title 45, Chapters 31-33 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended.

2. That the Urban Renewal Plan for the Program, having been duly reviewed and considered, are hereby approved, and the City Clerk be and is hereby directed to file said copy of the Urban Renewal Plan with the minutes of this meeting.

3. That it is hereby found and determined that where clearance is proposed that the objectives of the Urban Renewal Plan cannot be achieved through more extensive rehabilitation of portions of the urban renewal area comprising the Program.

4. That it is hereby found and determined that the Urban Renewal Plan for the Program conforms to the general plan of the Locality.

5. That it is hereby found and determined that the financial aid to be provided pursuant to the contracts for Federal financial assistance pertaining to the Program is necessary to enable the Program to be undertaken in accordance with the Urban Renewal Plan for the area comprising the Program.

6. That it is hereby found and determined that the Urban Renewal Plan for the urban renewal area comprising the Program will afford maximum opportunity, consistent with the sound needs of the Locality as a whole, for the renewal of the area by private enterprise.

7. That it is hereby found and determined that the Urban Renewal Plan for the urban renewal area gives due consideration to the provision of adequate park and recreational areas and facilities, as may be desirable for neighborhood improvement, with special consideration for the health, safety, and welfare of children residing in the general vicinity of the sites covered by the Plan.

8. That it is hereby found and determined that the Program for the proper relocation of individuals and families displaced in carrying out the Urban Renewal Plan in decent, safe, and sanitary dwellings in conformity with acceptable standards is feasible and can be reasonably and timely effected to permit the proper prosecution and completion of the Plan; and that such dwellings or dwelling units available or to be made available to such displaced individuals and families, are at least equal in number to the number of displaced individuals and families, are not generally less desirable in regard to public utilities and public and commercial facilities than the dwellings of the displaced individuals and families in the area comprising the Program, are available at rents or prices within the financial means of the displaced individuals and families, and are reasonable accessible to their places of employment.

9. That, in order to implement and facilitate the effectuation of the Urban Renewal Plan hereby approved, it is found and determined that certain official action must be taken by this Body with reference, among other things, to changes in zoning, the vacating and removal of streets, alleys, and other public ways, the establishment of new street patterns, the location and relocation of sewer and water mains and other public facilities, and other public action, and, accordingly, this Body hereby (a) pledges its cooperation in helping to carry out the Urban Renewal Plan, (b) requests the various officials, departments, boards, and agencies of the Locality having administrative responsibilities in the premises likewise to cooperate to such end and to exercise their respective functions and powers in a manner consistent with the Urban Renewal Plan, and (c) stands ready to consider to take appropriate action upon proposals and measures designed to effectuate the Urban Renewal Plan.

10. That financial assistance under the provisions of Title 1 of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, is necessary to enable the land in the area comprising the Program to be renewed in accordance with the Urban Renewal Plan for the Program, and accordingly, the proposed Program and the annual increment are approved and the Local Public Agency is authorized to file an application for financial assistance under Title 1.

11. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

ATTEST:

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READ AND PASSED
Ursula... Uespa
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APPROVED

DEC 28 1972
Joseph A. Dorley
MAYOR

IN CITY
COUNCIL
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FINAL READING
READ AND PASSED
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PRESIDENT
Ursula... Uespa
CLERK

IN CITY COUNCIL

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FIRST READING
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON
Urban Redevelopment

URBAN REDEVELOPMENT
RENEWAL & PLANNING

CLERK

THE COMMITTEE ON URBAN REDEVELOPMENT
RENEWAL & PLANNING

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Recommends
Be continued
Urban Redevelopment
Oct 14, 1972 Clerk

THE COMMITTEE ON URBAN REDEVELOPMENT
RENEWAL & PLANNING

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Approves Passage of
The Within Ordinance
Urban Redevelopment
Nov. 21, 1972 Chairman
Clerk

Councilman Scavetta
and Councilman Lynch, by request

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CERTIFICATE OF RECORDING OFFICER

The undersigned hereby certifies that:

1. He is the duly qualified and acting City Clerk of the City Council of the City of Providence (hereinafter called the "Governing Body") and the custodian of the records of the Governing Body, including the Journal of the Proceedings of the City Council, and is duly authorized to execute this certificate.

2. Attached hereto is a true and correct copy of a resolution, including the WHEREAS clauses, adopted at a meeting of the Governing Body held on the day of , 1972.

3. Said resolution has been duly recorded in the minutes of said meeting and is now in full force and effect.

4. Said meeting was duly convened and held in all respects in accordance with law and the by-laws of the City Council of the City of Providence. To the extent required by law or said by-laws, due members of the Governing Body was present throughout said meeting and a legally sufficient number of members of the Governing Body voted in the proper manner for the adoption of said resolution. All other requirements and proceedings under law, said by-laws, or otherwise, incident to the proper adoption of said resolution, including any publication, if required by law, have been duly fulfilled, carried out and otherwise observed.

5. If the seal appears below, it constitutes the official seal of the City-Council-of-the City of Providence and was duly affixed by the undersigned at the time this certificate was signed. If no seal appears below, the City Council of the City of Providence does not have and is not legally required to have an official seal.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has hereunto set his hand
this day of , 1972

CITY CLERK