

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

*No.*

*Approved*

WHEREAS, the City Council has issued Resolution Number 32, approved January 30, 1978, requesting that the Committee on Employee Relations investigate the additions to the last Police Training School of this City of Providence, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the resolution and direction of the City Council, it has been determined that there may or may not have been certain influences interposed in the Police Training School administration, selection, regulation and promotion of the candidates, employees and others within said Training School,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Providence that Resolution Number 32, approved January 30, 1978, be and the same is hereby amended to allow the Committee on Employee Relations to fully investigate, determine, and make all recommendations of or with respect to the administration, hiring, selection and regulation of the Police Training School, and, because of the unfortunate fact that there is presently no City Solicitor for the City of Providence, and insofar as the City Charter of the City of Providence requires that the City Solicitor apply, ex parte, for contempt proceedings against any individual refusing to cooperate with the duly-authorized body of this Council and its investigatory committees, and insofar as the Commissioner of Public Safety has refused or is incompetent to answer questions or provide information relative to the foregoing, and insofar as there is no City Solicitor for, in, or within the City of Providence, the City Council, or the said Committee on Employee Relations thereof, the said Committee on Employee Relations is hereby directed by this City Council as a whole, to appoint, engage and pay such legal counsel as it may see fit to engage, at a rate acceptable to the City Council, and as would pass or be acceptable by other generally-accepted criteria in or with respect to the legal profession in the State of Rhode Island, to act, investigate, and give counsel in any manner and all capacities that or to the extent to which the City Solicitor would be otherwise enabled or empowered to act or do, and to have such other or additional authority as the Council may have, to hire and seek the aid of outside counsel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that so that this matter may and will not be an ongoing or continuing situation, said or such appointed legal counsel is hereby further directed and empowered to seek the advice and decisions of the Rhode Island Courts, to determine what, if anything, occurs or happens to the City Charter of the City of Providence when there is, as now, no City Solicitor, and that the


said counsel is hereby empowered with all those powers that the City Solicitor, if he existed, would or may have under the Charter of the City of Providence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no person is entitled or empowered by this City Council, other than the counsel herein and hereby authorized and hereafter to be appointed, to represent any official department, subdivision, officer, or official of this City of Providence, and that no payment for services rendered or of any other nature whatsoever shall be made for any individual purporting to act or acting in such manner, from any funds raised by any tax revenues of this City of Providence. All such acts, representation, payment, and the like shall be done, made, or effected in accordance with the City Charter of this City of Providence, and by the lawful direction of this City Council.

**IN CITY COUNCIL**

**MAR 16 1978**

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**THE COMMITTEE ON  
EMPLOYEE RELATIONS**

Approves Passage of  
The Within Resolution

*Rose M. Mendonca*  
Clerk  
March 13, 1978