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# LAW DEPARTMENT

June 27, 1978

IN CITY COUNCIL

READ: JUL 6 1978  
WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT  
THE SAME BE RECEIVED.

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The Honorable City Council  
of the City of Providence  
City Hall  
Prov., RI 02903

Re: LEGAL OPINION - Introduction of Resolutions  
and Ordinances by Non-Councilmatic Members

Honorable Members:

After extensive research on the above-entitled matter, it is the opinion of this office that the following may introduce resolutions and/or ordinances to the council: The mayor, members of the City Council, all committees of the City Council through their chairman, and heads of departments.

Rule 16 of the Rules of the City Council of the City of Providence enumerates the above as having the power to introduce ordinances and resolutions. This is further supported by Section 3.15 of the Charter of the City of Providence entitled, "Introduction and passage of ordinances, resolutions by council":

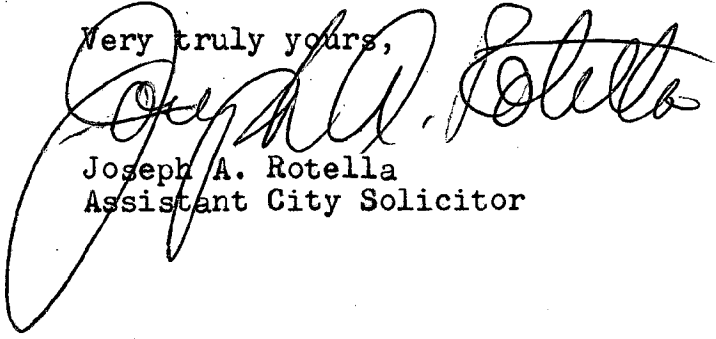
Every ordinance and resolution shall be introduced only in written or printed form, and passed or adopted at each reading by a majority of the members of the council then present. ...

As a general rule of law the members of the governing body are chosen by the people to represent the municipality and they are charged with a public trust and the faithful performance of their duties; and the public is entitled to the judgment and discretion, in all matters where such elements enter into transactions in behalf of the municipality, of each member of the body upon which authority to act is conferred.

After a review of Rule 16 of the Council and Sec. 3.15 of the Charter, it is our opinion that only those people and bodies enumerated previously have the power and authority to introduce a resolution and/or ordinance for consideration by the City Council.

Where a resolution or ordinance is requested to be introduced by someone other than parties enumerated, sponsorship for that resolution or ordinance must be made by at least one of the parties enumerated previously.

Very truly yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Joseph A. Rotella". The signature is written over the typed name and title.

Joseph A. Rotella  
Assistant City Solicitor

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