

DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK

CITY HALL

MARCH 13, 1986

The Committee on Ordinances meets this day, in the office of the City Clerk, City Hall.

Present: Chairman Glavin, Councilwoman Brassil and Councilman Farmer.

Also present were John D'Amico, Assistant City Solicitor, Council President Easton, Robert McMahon, Parks Department, Robert DeNobile, Public Works Department, Michael D. Brugnoli, Inspector Providence Police Department, John Simmons, Director of Administration. (Michael R. Clement, Assistant Clerk).

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 1982-II, EFFECTIVE MARCH 14, 1982, ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE APPORTIONING THE FIFTEEN WARDS IN THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 204 OF THE PROVIDENCE HOME RULE CHARTER OF 1980 AS APPROVED BY THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE AT THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD NOVEMBER 1980, AS AMENDED."

Chairman Glavin informs the Members present that the said Ordinance required a Public Hearing and that he would like to set a date this evening, but first we will hear from Council President Easton as to why this Ordinance has been introduced and should be heard on and recommended to the City Council for passage.

Chairman Glavin calls on Council President Easton.

Council President Easton states the following and submits his testimony to the Ordinance Committee:

*Council Chamber, City of Providence, Rhode Island*

March 13, 1986

Councilman Thomas M. Glavin  
Chairman  
Committee on Ordinances  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Councilman Glavin:

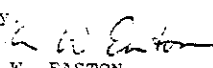
The basic argument for this legislation is it is necessitated by State law governing the size of voting districts. The specific law 17-11-1 dictates that voting districts shall not exceed 1600 voters nor be less than 150 voters. There are several districts in the City which currently are either over this limit or under it. As of the November 5, 1985 election canvass there were fifteen districts which are on the borderline. In Wards 1,2,5,6,8,9,11,13,14 and 15 these conditions create a situation which violates the law. In most situations, the problem can only be corrected by action of the General Assembly and the City Council because they may involve changing not only Ward lines but Senate and Representative lines as well. A sister Bill introduced at the same time as this Ordinance is before the General Assembly. Speaker Smith has appointed Representative Anthony Carnevale to study and find ways to address those cases which require General Assembly action.

This Bill concerning the 9th and 11th Wards needs only to be addressed by the City Council because it, unlike the other cases, does not involve modification of any other lines other than Ward lines. It does not change Senate or Representative lines or create any problems with those lines since it is within the same Senate, and the same Representative district.

The motivation for this type of legislation comes from the fact that Providence currently has over 90 polling places requiring substantial dollars to staff during elections and resolving these problems would reduce the number of polling places and thus, reduce the cost of elections to the City.

Enacting this kind of legislation would be in the best interest of the City regardless of who might be affected.

Sincerely,

  
NICHOLAS W. EASTON  
Council President

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Chairman Glavin states that since we are required by law to hold a Public Hearing, we can re-introduce this statement at the date and time as set forth by this Committee.

On motion of Councilwoman Brassil, seconded by Councilman Farmer, it is voted to Continue until the hearing is held.

AN ORDINANCE PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE PROVIDENCE HOME RULE CHARTER OF 1980.

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AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF AND IN ADDITION TO CHAPTER 11 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE ENTITLED: "HARBOR AND PORT".

On motion of Councilwoman Brassil, seconded by Councilman Farmer, it is voted to Postpone Indefinitely in Committee the foregoing matters, and if needed to be reactivated, so be it.

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE III OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, ENTITLED: "GARBAGE, TRASH AND REFUSE", BY ADDING SUB-SECTION (F) to Sec. 12-57.

After some discussion by the Members of the Committee, it was voted that the above matter be Continued for further study and that the recommendation suggested at previous meetings be transcribed and made available to the Committee at its next scheduled meeting.

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF AND IN ADDITION TO CHAPTER 16 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE BY ADDING SEC. 16-19 ENTITLED: "NOISE ABATEMENT IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA.

Chairman Glavin informs the Members that due to the illness of Commissioner Pisaturo, he would like to continue this matter until we can get his input into the matter.

On motion of Councilwoman Brassil, seconded by Councilman Farmer, it is voted to Continue the said matter, until the next scheduled meeting of the Committee.

Chairman Glavin states that Councilman Farmer is due at a neighborhood meeting and can not stay for the remainder of the meeting, and that since Councilman Farmer constitutes a quorum, we cannot conduct any further business by the Committee, and asks for continuation of the remaining matters on the agenda.

On motion of Councilwoman Brassil, seconded by Councilman Farmer, it is voted to Continue the matters as follows in Committee for further study:

MARCH 13, 1986

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE RELATING TO NOISE REGULATIONS.

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF AND IN ADDITION TO CHAPTER 8 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, ENTITLED: "COURTS".

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC HEARINGS BY CERTAIN BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF AND IN ADDITION TO ARTICLE 1 OF SECTION 14-1 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE ENTITLED: "LICENSES".

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE NUMBER OF LIQUOR LICENSES ISSUED IN THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE.

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE 1 BY ADDING SECTION 16-18 TO BE ENTITLED: "PROHIBITING ELECTION SIGNS FROM BEING LOCATED ON PRIVATE PROPERTY".

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF AND IN ADDITION TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE BY ADDING ARTICLE VI "HANDGUN CONTROL".

PETITION OF MAROL REALTY, INC., OF 946 EDDY STREET TO CHANGE FROM A C-4 HEAVY COMMERCIAL ZONE TO AN M-1 GENERAL INDUSTRIAL ZONE THAT PORTION OF LOT 153 AS SET OUT AND DELINEATED ON CITY ASSESSOR'S PLAT 47 THAT IS PRESENTLY ZONED C-4.

PETITION OF STEVEN A. MAIORISI TO CHANGE FROM AN R-4 MULTIPLE DWELLING ZONE TO A C-4 HEAVY COMMERCIAL ZONE, APPROXIMATELY ONE-HALF OF LOT 528 ON CITY ASSESSOR'S PLAT 30, LOCATED ALONG 9<sup>TH</sup> ARCH STREET.

ADJOURNMENT is taken at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

*Michael R. Clement*  
Assistant Clerk

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