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CITY OF PROVIDENCE *
COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCE *
MEETING *
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Providence City Hall
Providence, RI
March 23, 1993
6:00 P.M.

BEFORE: DAVID V. IGLIOZZI, CHAIRMAN
ROBERT M. CLARKIN
JOSHUA N. FENTON

FOR THE CITY
OF PROVIDENCE.....JOHN D'AMICO, LEGAL COUNSEL

FOR THE GIRL SCOUTS
OF AMERICA.....JACQUES HOPKINS, ESQUIRE

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A	CITY OF PROVIDENCE ORDINANCE AND RADIUS	
	MAP REGARDING 125 CHARLES STREET.....	3

1 THE CHAIRMAN: This is going to be the
2 public hearing for the Committee On Ordinances on an
3 ordinance in amendment of Chapter 564 of the
4 ordinances of the City of Providence, entitled "The
5 City of Providence Zoning Ordinance" approved October
6 24, 1991, by amending Providence Zoning District Map
7 Number 3 of the official zoning map by changing the
8 zoning district designation of Lot 504 from R-4 to
9 C-4. I would ask that the stenographer make the
10 proposed change along with the radius map and attached
11 exhibits, Exhibit Number A. I would first ask that
12 the record reflect that Councilman Fenton is here as
13 well as Councilman Clarkin, that the Deputy Director
14 for the Department for Planning, Thomas Della, is here
15 and has a presentation on this proposed amendment.

16 (EXHIBIT A MARKED)

17 MR. DELLA: I will make this brief,
18 councilmen. Basically we are here to consider the
19 proposed change of Lot 504 on Assessor's Plat 3 from
20 an R-4 designation to a C-4 designation. The property
21 in question, which is owned by the Girl Scouts of
22 America, was previously zoned C-4 and abuts the
23 Moshassuck Apartments. When the zoning lines were
24 drawn in 1990 for the rezoning, they were drawn to

1 incorporate this property. We are suggesting that the
2 maps be corrected to show this property as a C-4. It
3 has been used for C-4 use for many years, and it is a
4 proper use for that piece of property, and we would
5 suggest and recommend to the council that this change
6 be made.

7 THE CHAIRMAN: Anything to add from the
8 city solicitor's office?

9 MR. D'AMICO: No, Mr. Chairman.

10 THE CHAIRMAN: Do we have a list of
11 witnesses? I forgot to indicate for the record this
12 meeting was called to order at 6:10. It was scheduled
13 for 6:00. I have Jacques Hopkins.

14 MR. HOPKINS: Mr. Chairman --

15 THE CHAIRMAN: Before you begin, could
16 you state your name and address for the record.

17 MR. HOPKINS: My name is Jacques,
18 J-a-c-q-u-e-s, V. Hopkins, 1500 Fleet Center,
19 Providence, and I am the attorney for the Girl Scouts,
20 and I am here to keep my good friend and client Betty
21 Durfee, who is the Executive Director of the Girls
22 Scouts, company tonight, and her name is Elizabeth
23 Mary Durfee, Executive Director of Girls Scouts.

24 MS. DURFEE: Mary Elizabeth, 125

1 Charles Street.

2 MR. HOPKINS: And we are here to answer
3 any questions that you or your members have.

4 THE CHAIRMAN: You are in support of
5 the petition?

6 MR. HOPKINS: Yes.

7 THE CHAIRMAN: If you have anything to
8 add to Deputy Director Della, you can place it on the
9 record.

10 MR. HOPKINS: No. The only thing is we
11 only recently discovered it had been rezoned, and this
12 was in connection with an attempt to get some
13 financing from Citizens to reconstruct part of our
14 building. The fact that we are now an illegal
15 nonconforming use created some problems, and it would
16 be better for the Girl Scouts to become a legal use
17 again as it was for many many years.

18 THE CHAIRMAN: No further questions?

19 MR. DELLA: No further questions.

20 THE CHAIRMAN: Is anyone else present
21 who is concerned with the matter on the docket? Let
22 the record reflect there was no response. If there
23 are no other witnesses to testify, I will call this
24 public hearing to a close.

(HEARING CLOSED 6:20 P.M.)

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Jane M. Poore, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true accurate, and complete transcript of my notes taken at the above-entitled hearing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand this 5th day of April, 1993.


JANE M. POORE, NOTARY PUBLIC/CERTIFIED COURT REPORTER

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