



*City of East Providence
Office of the Mayor*

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 2022-002
AMENDMENT OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 2021-018
JANUARY 14, 2022**

**CLOSING THE EAST PROVIDENCE SENIOR AND RECREATIONAL CENTER AND
ALLOWING ONLINE MEETINGS OF CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

WHEREAS, On December 31, 2021, Executive Order 2021-018 was issued to have the Robert E. Rock Senior Center closed and all Senior Center and Recreation programs and activities cancelled until January 14, 2022; and

WHEREAS, On December 31, 2021, Executive Order 2021-018 was issued to have all City Boards and Commission meetings scheduled to meet in person during the two-week period ending on January 14, 2022 cancelled unless the Honorable Governor or General Assembly takes executive or legislative action to amend the Open Meetings Act to allow for virtual/remote member attendance and public participation; and

WHEREAS, On January 6, 2022, The Honorable Governor issued Executive Order 22-01 Allowing Remote Participation in Public Meetings; and

WHEREAS, the prevalence and transmissibility of the COVID-19 Omicron variant has continued to cause an increase in infections; and

WHEREAS, city employees continue to contract the virus further hampering the City's ability to provide some services.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Roberto L. DaSilva, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the City of East Providence, pursuant to the Rhode Island General Laws and the Home Rule Charter of the City of East Providence, do hereby extend and amend the following:

1. Extend Executive Order 2021-018 Closing the East Providence Senior and Recreation Centers until January 28, 2022;
2. Extend and amend Executive Order 2021-018 that all canceled city boards and commission meetings scheduled to meet in person during the two-week period ending on January 14, 2022. Boards and Commissions may now meet via virtual/remote member attendance and public participation until January 28, 2022.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and remain in full force and effect through January 28, 2022 unless renewed, modified or terminated by a subsequent Executive Order.

So Ordered:

Roberto L. DaSilva
Mayor