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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE LANGUAGE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE EAST PROVIDENCE CITY CHARTER AS WILL BE VOTED ON AT THE SUBSEQUENT CHARTER REFERENDUM

WHEREAS, the Home Rule Charter for the City of East Providence was originally adopted by the Town of East Providence in September 1954; and

WHEREAS, Article XIII, Sec. 8 of the Rhode Island Constitution allows for the legislative body of any city or town to propose amendments to the Charter, which amendments shall be submitted for approval to the qualified electors of the City at a general or special election; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend the City Charter as follows with regard to editorial changes:

PREAMBLE

We, the people of the ~~Town~~ **City** of East Providence, in order to secure the right of self government in all local matters, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Rhode Island ~~and Providence Plantations~~, do adopt and establish this Charter for the City of East Providence.

Sec. 1-1. - City status.

The people of the ~~town~~ **city** of East Providence, within the corporate limits as ~~not~~ **now** established or as hereafter established in the manner provided by law, shall continue to be a municipal corporation, and in order to secure the right of self-government in all local matters pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Rhode Island ~~and Providence Plantations~~, do adopt and establish this City Charter under the name of the City of East Providence.

Sec. 2-2. - Qualifications; when office shall become vacant.

Council Members ~~shall~~ **shall** be qualified voters of the City and shall hold no other public office or employment in the service of the City. If a Council member shall cease to possess any of these qualifications or shall be convicted of ~~a~~ **a** crime involving moral turpitude, his or her office shall immediately become vacant.

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Sec. 3-5. - Powers and duties.

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(4) Prepare and submit the City Council within ninety (90) days of the close of the fiscal year a comprehensive annual report of the financial transactions and administrative activities of the City and prepare and make available for distribution to the public within six (6) months of the close of the fiscal ~~year~~ an audited complete financial statement on the finances and administrative activities of the City for the preceding year.

(5)Keep the Council advised of the financial condition and future needs of the City and make ~~sure~~ recommendations as may seem to him or her desirable.

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(12) Perform such other ~~such~~ duties as may be required of him or her by ordinance.

Sec. 3-9. - City solicitor.

The Mayor shall select an officer of the City with the approval of the City Council who shall have the title of City Solicitor. The Mayor shall also select an officer of the City with the approval of the City Council who shall have the title of Assistant City Solicitor. The City Solicitor and Assistant City Solicitor shall be ~~an~~ attorneys-at-law in good standing who have been admitted to practice in the state. The City Solicitor shall be attorney for the City and legal advisor of the Mayor, Council and of all officers, departments, and agencies and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Mayor or Council.

A preference in hiring shall be given to those residents of the City who apply for this position.

***may not be relevant if proposed changes to City Solicitor are accepted.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that these proposed Charter amendments be summarized on the ballot in the next special election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ballot question expressly state that these amendments shall become effective upon passage without further action insofar as the Rhode Island Constitution's Home Rule Charter provisions allow.

Adopted by the City Council:

Attest:

City Clerk of East Providence, Rhode Island