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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE
CHAPTER

**AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 10 OF THE
REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE,
RHODE ISLAND, 1998, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED "NUISANCES"**

SECTION I. Subsection (c) of Section 10-29 entitled "Removal; notice to owner" of Article II entitled "Dismantled, Junked and Abandoned Vehicles" of Chapter 10 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, as amended, entitled "Nuisances" is amended to read as follows:

a) The owner of any dismantled, junked or abandoned vehicle or one legally or physically incapable of being operated shall remove such vehicle within seven days after being ordered to do so in writing by the owner, lessee or occupant of the premises where such vehicle shall be found. If the owner of any such vehicle is not known or cannot readily be ascertained, notice to remove may be given by attaching such notice to the vehicle. The police department upon request therefor shall assist in ascertaining the name and address of the owner of any such vehicle.

(b) If the owner of any such vehicle is also the owner, lessee or occupant of the premises, notice to remove as aforesaid shall be given by the police department.

(c) If such vehicle is on a city street or public highway, 48-hour notice as aforesaid to remove such vehicle shall be given by the police department, provided that if such vehicle is parked illegally or constitutes a present hazard or unduly obstructs traffic ingress to or egress from private or public property, or the vehicle's operator is not allowed to continue to operate the vehicle after having been detained for operating in violation of the law, such vehicle may be removed by the police department without any prior notice.

(d) An unregistered vehicle on premises not owned or occupied by the owner of such vehicle may be deemed to be abandoned.

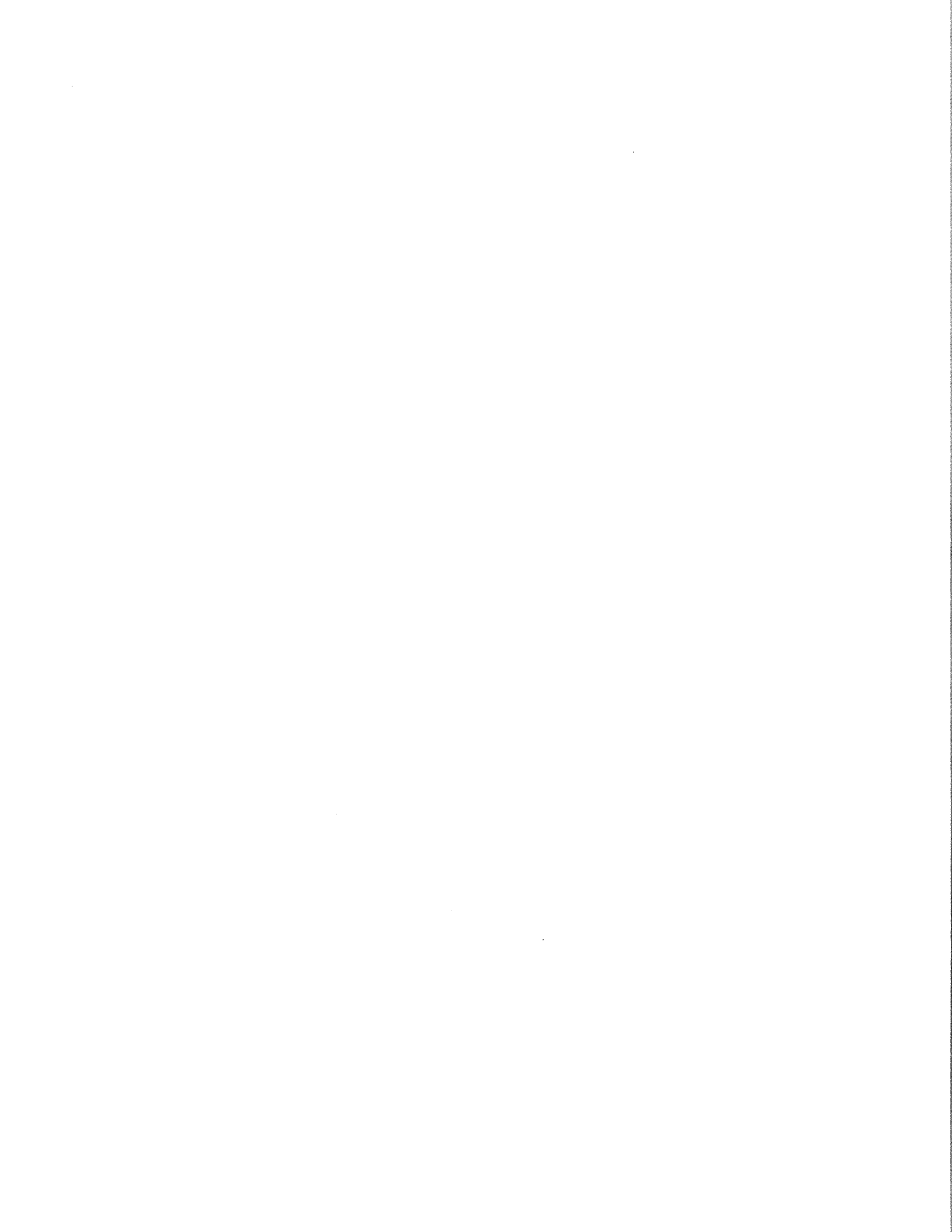
SECTION II. This ordinance shall take effect upon its second passage and all ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Given first passage _____ and referred to _____ at 6:30 p.m.
for a hearing and consideration of final passage; and adopted _____.

Attest:

City Clerk of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island

Introduced by: Council President Rodericks, Council Vice President Rego



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE

CHAPTER NO.

AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 18 OF THE REVISED
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND, 1998,
AS AMENDED, ENTITLED "VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION I. Sec. 18-421 entitled "Definitions" of Article XIV entitled "Bicycles" of Chapter 18 entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

Sec. 18-421. - Definitions.

As used in this article, unless the context indicates to the contrary, the word bicycle means and includes any:

- (1) bicycle
- (2) electric bicycle, as defined by R.I. Gen. Laws § 31-1-3(g)
- (3) tricycle
- (4) tandem bicycle or
- (5) any other similar vehicle

SECTION II. Sec. 18-424 entitled "Riding, etc., upon sidewalk or footwalk" of Article XIV entitled "Bicycles" of Chapter 18 entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 18-424. - Riding, etc., upon sidewalk or footwalk.

No person shall ride, propel, move or trundle any bicycle or electric bicycle upon any sidewalk or public footwalk in the city, unless it is for the purpose of necessarily crossing the footwalk.

SECTION III. Article XIV entitled "Bicycles" of Chapter 18 entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:

Sec. 18-427. Operation of Electric Bicycles in City Parks and Recreation Areas Prohibited.

Except in the designated parking area, no person may ride, propel, move or trundle any electric bicycle within a city-owned park or recreation area. This prohibition applies to all areas within the boundaries of city-owned park or recreation area, including but not limited to trails, paths, playgrounds, picnic areas, and open green spaces.

Sec. 18-428. Enforcement.

(a) The East Providence Police Department shall have the authority to enforce the provisions of this article and to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement and enforce its provision.

Sec. 18-429. Penalty.

The owner or operator of the e-bike who violates the provisions of 18-427 shall be subject to the following fines and penalties:

- (a) First Offense: \$100 fine
- (b) Second Offense: \$250.00 fine
- (c) Third or subsequent offence: \$500.00 fine and the temporary impoundment of the e-bike subject to the forfeiture hearing as set forth in section 18-540
- (d) Any owner or operator found in violation of section 18-427 shall also be responsible for any damage or destruction of city owner property caused by the operation of the e-bike.
- (e) Any owner or operator who operates an e-bike in a reckless manner that causes damage to property or endangers the health and safety of persons or property within a city owned park or recreation, in addition to the fines as set forth above, may be subject to the temporary impoundment and forfeiture, after hearing, of the e-bike.

Section 18-430 Forfeiture Hearing

(1) Commencement of forfeiture proceeding and notice.

- a. The city solicitor shall bring an action for forfeiture by filing a complaint in the East Providence Municipal Court.
- b. The city solicitor shall give notice of the forfeiture proceeding by mailing a copy of the forfeiture complaint and a notice for hearing to each person whose right, title, or interest is known and/or to the address of the person who operated the e-bike. If the operator is a minor, notice shall be given to the parents or legal guardians of the operator. Such person or persons are hereinafter referred to as the "owner."
- c. The owner of the property shall, within 30 days after the mailing of the complaint and notice, file a verified answer to the complaint.
- d. Upon the filing of the answer to the forfeiture complaint or if no answer is filed, the clerk of the municipal court shall set the matter down for hearing at the next available court date.

(2) No impounded electric bicycle shall be released until final disposition of all civil charges relating to the operation or storage of any electric bicycle, nor until proof of ownership and proper registration according to state statute are verified and applicable towing and storage charges are paid.

(3) Forfeiture hearing.

- a. If the owner shall fail to appear at the forfeiture hearing, the court may enter an order of forfeiture by default.

b. If the owner appears at the forfeiture hearing, the city solicitor shall show, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the property was used in violation of this article.

c. If the city solicitor has not made the showing required in (2)b. of this section, the court shall order the property released to the owner.

d. If the court finds that the city solicitor has made the required showing, the owner may offer evidence that the owner was not using the property at the time of the violation that the owner did not know, or have reason to know, that the property was used or possessed, or was to be used or possessed, in any manner that violates Chapter 18 Article XIV. For the purposes of this article, an owner shall be deemed to have knowledge of the provisions of Chapter 18 Article XIV.

e. If the owner rebuts the city solicitor's showing, by a preponderance of the evidence, then the complaint for forfeiture shall be denied and dismissed. The court will determine, based on the circumstances presented, whether the owner shall be responsible for any fines or costs.

f. Where the city solicitor has made the required showing, and the owner has not rebutted that showing by a preponderance of the evidence, or where the court enters forfeiture by default, the court may order:

1. That the property be destroyed by the agency which seized it or by some other municipal agency designated by the court; or

2. That the property be delivered to and retained for use by the agency which seized it, or to some other municipal agency designated by the court; or

3. That the property be sold at public auction by an agency designated by the court.

g. Proceeds from sale at public auction, after payment of all reasonable charges and expenses for storage and public auction, shall be transferred to the city's general fund.

SECTION IV. This ordinance shall take effect upon second passage and all ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Given first passage _____ and referred to _____ at 6:30 p.m. for a hearing and consideration of final passage; and adopted _____.

Attest:

City Clerk of the City of East Providence

Introduced by: Council President Rodericks, Council Vice President Rego, Councilman Fogarty

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE**

CHAPTER

**AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 10 OF THE
REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE,
RHODE ISLAND, 1998, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED
“NUISANCES”**

SECTION I. Subsection (10) entitled “Construction or repair of buildings” of Section 10-51 entitled “Prohibited; unnecessary noise standard” of Chapter 10 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, as amended, entitled “Nuisances” is amended to read as follows:

(10) *Construction or repair of buildings.* The erection (including excavation), demolition, alteration or repair of any building other than between the hours of ~~7:00~~ **6:30** a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on weekdays, except in case of urgent necessity in the interest of public health and safety, and then only with a permit from the building inspector, which permit may be granted for a period not to exceed three days or less while the emergency continues, and which permit may be renewed for periods of three days or less while the emergency continues. If the building inspector should determine that the public health and safety will not be impaired by the erection, demolition, alteration or repair of any building or the excavation of streets and highways within the hours of 6:00 p.m. and ~~7:00~~ **6:30** a.m., and if he further determines that loss or inconvenience would result to any party in interest, he may grant permission for such work to be done within the hours of 6:00 p.m. and ~~7:00~~ **6:30** a.m., upon application being made at the time the permit for the work is awarded or during the progress of the work;

SECTION II. This ordinance shall take effect upon its second passage and all ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Given first passage _____ and referred to _____ at 6:30 p.m. for a hearing and consideration of final passage; and adopted _____.

Attest:

City Clerk of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island

Introduced by: Councilman Fogarty

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Communications

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City of East Providence
Office of the Mayor
Roberto L. DaSilva
Mayor

May 27, 2026

Bob Rodericks
Council President
East Providence City Council
145 Taunton Ave.
East Providence, RI 02914

Re: Mayor Communications & Docket items – June 2, 2026, Docket

Dear Council President Rodericks and Members of the Council,

Please see information below – Mayor Communications and requests of the Administration before the Council:

Mayor Communications: Director of Policy & Constituent Services, André Herrera.

- 1. Appointment/Reappointment requiring Council Confirmation**
 - None
- 2. Appointment/Reappointment not requiring Council Confirmation**
 - None
- 3. Items for announcement/discussion**
 - Update on the City's 2026 tax rates: Strong growth in the tax base limits the increase to just 2.1 percent, well below the 4 percent levy and current inflation.
 - Proclamation recognizing the month of June 2026, as "Pride Month" in the City of East Providence.
 - Proclamation recognizing the month of June 2026, as "Immigrant Heritage Month" in the City of East Providence.
 - Proclamation recognizing June 19, 2026, as "Juneteenth" in the City of East Providence.
 - Proclamation recognizing June 10, 2026, as "Day of Portugal" in the City of East Providence.

- Proclamation recognizing June 5, 2026, as “National Gun Violence Awareness Day” in the City of East Providence.
- Proclamation recognizing May 25, 2026, as “Azores Day” in the City of East Providence.

Sincerely,



Roberto L. DaSilva

Mayor

CC: Andreza Skipworth, City Clerk



City of East Providence
Office of the Mayor
Roberto L. DaSilva
Mayor

May 22, 2026

Bob Rodericks
Council President
East Providence City Council
145 Taunton Avenue
East Providence, RI 02914

Re: City's growth in tax base helps reduce 2026 Tax Rates

Dear Council President,

The City of East Providence has announced the tax rates for Fiscal Year 2026, with tax bills scheduled to begin arriving in mailboxes in the coming weeks.

The City of East Providence experienced significant growth in its tax base, in part due to commercial and residential development and investments in utility infrastructure.

Although the approved budget increase in the tax levy is 4%, the actual tax rate only increased by 2.1% due to the growth in the city's tax base.

For FY2026, the residential tax rate will adjust from 13.07 to 13.35, a 2.1% change. The commercial tax rate will adjust from 20.63 to 21.06, also a 2.1% change. The tangible tax rate will remain unchanged at 56.81, consistent with the statutory cap established under Rhode Island law.

City officials worked diligently throughout the budget process to minimize the impact on residents while continuing to invest in essential services, infrastructure improvements, public safety and long-term community priorities. The overall rate change of about 2% remains below the current U.S. inflation rate of roughly 3.8%, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

East Providence continues to see encouraging economic growth, with ongoing residential and commercial development, active construction projects and significant infrastructure investments from Rhode Island Energy contributing to the City's expanding tax base. This

continued growth helps strengthen the City's financial foundation and lessen the burden on existing taxpayers over time.

Tax bills are expected to be mailed in early June, with the first-quarter payment due on July 1st.

Sincerely,



Roberto L. DaSilva
Mayor

NEW BUSINESS

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES - For discussion and possible vote

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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE**

CHAPTER

**AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 8 OF THE
REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE,
RHODE ISLAND, 1998, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED
“LICENSES AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS”**

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION I. Article III entitled “Alcoholic Beverages” of Chapter 8 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, as amended, entitled “Licenses and Business Regulations” is amended by adding thereto the following:

Sec. 8-50. Temporary extended service hours.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law or ordinance to the contrary, any person or establishment possessing the qualifications and meeting the requirements of this section that is licensed to sell intoxicating liquor by the drink at retail for consumption on the premises in the City of East Providence for the period of June 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22, 23, 25, 26 and 27; July 2 and 3 for the 2026 FIFA World Cup Tournament may apply to the City Clerk at least fourteen days in advance to:

- (1) Operate beyond its normal closing time and until up to two o'clock (2:00) a.m.
- (2) To sell, serve and allow for the consumption of alcoholic beverages beyond its normal cut-off time and until up to two o'clock (2:00) a.m.
- (3) This temporary extension of service hours shall apply only to indoor areas at licensed establishments and shall not be applicable to any special permits issued by a licensing authority unless explicitly granted by that body.

Sec. 8-51. Penalty for violation. The penalty for violation of this section is \$500.00 for each offense.

SECTION II. This ordinance shall take effect upon second passage and all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Given first passage _____ and referred to _____ at 6:30 p.m. for a hearing and consideration of final passage; and adopted _____.

Attest:

City Clerk of East Providence, Rhode Island

Introduced by: Councilwoman Sousa

