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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014**

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RELATING TO THE CHARTER OF NORTH PROVIDENCE

Introduced By: Representatives Corvese, O'Brien, and Hull

Date Introduced: March 20, 2014

Referred To: House Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 2-2-2 of Chapter 237 of the 1973 Public Laws entitled 'An Act  
2 Incorporating the Town of North Providence', as amended is hereby further amended to read as  
3 follows:

4           **2-2-2. Procedure.**

5           (a) Ordinances and resolutions shall be introduced only in written or typed form.

6           (b) Ordinances and resolutions shall be introduced by a council member, council  
7 committee, the mayor, or on petition of at least twenty-five (25) qualified electors and its title and  
8 contents shall be read at such meeting.

9           (c) Upon majority vote of the council, a proposed ordinance shall be published by a paid  
10 advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation in the town within ten (10) days after its  
11 introduction.

12           (d) No ordinance, other than an emergency ordinance as defined in ~~section~~ §2-1-6(d) of  
13 this charter, shall be acted upon at the same regular or special meeting in which it is introduced,  
14 nor at a subsequent meeting held sooner than fifteen (15) days after its introduction. All  
15 ordinances and resolutions, including emergency ordinances and resolutions, must be  
16 accompanied by a fiscal impact note. Any ordinance or resolution that does not incur a monetary  
17 outlay does not require a fiscal impact note. A fiscal impact note will be prepared by the finance  
18 committee of the town council. The note will be submitted within thirty (30) days of introduction  
19 of any such ordinance and/or resolution. The finance committee, at its discretion, may request

1 from the finance director data or any other pertinent information ~~which~~ that will assist the  
2 committee in the formation of said fiscal impact note.

3 (e) Every ordinance shall be reported at the next regular or special meeting held at least  
4 fifteen (15) days after its introduction with a recommendation as to action to be taken thereon.  
5 The council may defer action pending further study, ~~but it shall provide that action shall be taken~~  
6 ~~thereon for passage or rejection of the same, and such action shall be taken no later than the~~  
7 ~~second subsequent regular meeting thereafter.~~

8 (f) All ordinances and resolutions, except the annual budget, general codifications, and  
9 revisions thereof, shall contain only one ~~(1)~~ subject clearly and adequately expressed and titled.

10 (g) No ordinance or resolution shall be as amended on passage as to change its original  
11 purpose.

12 (h) Ordinances for the annual budget and any supplemental appropriations shall be  
13 confined to the subject of appropriations.

14 (i) The town clerk shall number serially each ordinance upon introduction, and upon  
15 passage of the same, he shall make them available, together with any amendments thereto, in his  
16 office.

17 (j) The town clerk shall furnish to each council member, and to the mayor within seventy-  
18 two (72) hours after its introduction, a copy of each ordinance and resolution introduced.

19 (k) An emergency ordinance shall relate only to the emergency matter for which the  
20 emergency meeting is held, and such ordinance may be enacted at the same meeting in which it is  
21 introduced.

22 (l) No ordinance or resolution shall be passed until after it is read, unless a majority of the  
23 council members present vote to dispense with the reading, in which case only the title need be  
24 read along with a statement as to its contents.

25 (m) The council, or a committee thereof, shall hold at least one ~~(1)~~ public hearing on all  
26 non-budgetary ordinances, other than emergency ordinances, if at least twenty-five (25) qualified  
27 electors submit a petition to the town clerk at least forty-eight (48) hours before the passage of  
28 such ordinance to request the public hearing, and in such event, action thereon shall be deferred  
29 and public notice of the hearing shall be given in a newspaper of general circulation in the town at  
30 least ~~one (1)~~ once not less than three (3) calendar days prior to the holding of such hearing.

31 (n) No ordinance ~~or resolution~~ shall be enacted until and unless the solicitor approves the  
32 same as to form and legality.

33 (o) Not later than twenty-four (24) hours after its passage, the town clerk shall submit the  
34 ordinance ~~or resolution~~ to the mayor.

1           (p) Within seven (7) days after its passage, the mayor shall affix his signature to an  
2 ordinance ~~or resolution~~ and it shall thereupon, or at some other time fixed therein, become  
3 effective, or he shall return it to the council through the town clerk, within such period stating his  
4 objections thereto. Failure to take such action within the period of seven (7) days shall result in  
5 automatic approval with the same effect as if the mayor had affixed his signature thereto.

6           (q) In the event the mayor returns an ordinance ~~or resolution~~ to the council, action shall  
7 be taken thereon at the next regular or special meeting, and the veto thereof may be overridden by  
8 a vote of no less than a majority plus one (+) of the members of the council, and thereupon, or at  
9 the time fixed therein, it shall become effective.

10           (r) No ordinance affecting zoning and/or planning for usage of land, or the erection of  
11 public works of any kind, shall be enacted without first receiving an advisory opinion of the  
12 planning board.

13           (s) Upon enactment of any ordinance, the town clerk shall give notice to any office,  
14 department, or other agency charged with the enforcement, or with the implementation thereof,  
15 within twenty-four (24) hours of its final passage.

16           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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