

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 45

EFFECTIVE ~~APPROVED~~ JANUARY 28, 2008

WHEREAS, As a result of a snowstorm on December 13, 2007 several departments and agencies in the City of Providence experienced significant failures in providing necessary city services; and

WHEREAS, Those significant failures centered around lapses and failures in communications; and

WHEREAS, As a result of those significant failures the well being and safety of many of the city's most vulnerable citizens were placed in peril; and

WHEREAS, As a result of those significant failures the public confidence in the city's ability to provide basic services in times of challenge has been greatly diminished; and


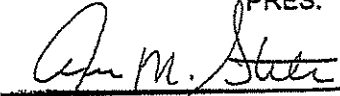
WHEREAS, It is in the public interest of the City of Providence to engage an independent review and examination of the failures in order to provide guidance and actionable policy recommendation; and


WHEREAS, The Members of the City Council wish to ensure that these failures never occur again.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That there shall be established a three person review board (hereinafter named the "Independent Review Board") to conduct an independent outside review relative to the snowstorm of December 13, 2007. The President of the Providence City Council shall appoint the three members of the Board who shall reflect the diversity of the city. The members of the Independent Review Board shall not be current employees of the City and will not be compensated. If necessary, the Board shall have access to no more than Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars to hire experts and reimburse for expenses.

Providence Home Rule Charter, the Presiding Officer of the City Council is hereby authorized to sign all subpoenas as necessary to assist the Board in its review.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board shall report its findings to the City Council no later than Ninety (90) days from date of passage.

IN CITY COUNCIL
JAN 17 2008
READ AND PASSED

PRES.

CLERK

Effective without the
Mayor's Signature:

Anna M. Stetson
City Clerk