

City of Providence
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

CHAPTER

No. **AN ORDINANCE IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 16 "OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS", ARTICLE I OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, ENTITLED: IN GENERAL", AMENDING SECTION 16-20 "PROHIBITION AGAINST CERTAIN FORMS OF AGGRESSIVE SOLICITATION"**

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

SECTION 1: Section 16-20 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, entitled "Prohibition against certain forms of aggressive solicitation", is hereby further amended by making the following changes to the language of Article 1, Section 16-20 with additions underlined and deletions struck out:

Sec. 16-20. - Prohibition against certain forms of ~~aggressive~~ solicitation.

(a) For purposes of this section:

~~Aggressive-manner~~ Solicitation shall mean:

- (1) Approaching or speaking to a person(s), or following a person(s) ~~before, during, or after soliciting, if that conduct is intended or is likely to cause a reasonable person to fear bodily harm to oneself or to another, or damage to or loss of property;~~
- (2) Following the person being solicited, with the intent of asking that person for money or other things of value;
- (3) Intentionally touching or causing physical contact with another person without the person's consent in the course of soliciting;
- (4) Intentionally blocking or interfering with the safe or free passage of a pedestrian or vehicle by any means, including unreasonably causing a pedestrian or vehicle operator to take evasive action to avoid physical contact;
- (5) Using violent or threatening gestures toward a person solicited;
- (6) Continuing to solicit from a person after the person has given a negative response to such soliciting;
- (7) Speaking in a volume unreasonably loud under the circumstances;
- (8) Soliciting money from anyone who is waiting in line for entry to a building or for another purpose.
- (9) Entering or occupying a roadway or intersection for purpose of soliciting the occupant(s) of a vehicle.

Soliciting shall mean asking for money or objects of value, with the intention that the money or object be transferred at that time, and at that place. Soliciting shall include using the spoken, written or printed word, bodily gestures, signs or any other means of communication with the purpose of obtaining an immediate donation of money or other thing of value.

Public place shall mean a place to which a governmental entity has title, to which the public has access, including but not limited to any street, highway, parking lot, plaza, transportation facility, school, place of amusement, park or playground.

(b) No person shall solicit ~~in an aggressive manner~~ in a public place.

(c) Violations of these sections shall be punishable by the penalties listed in section 1-10 of the Code of Ordinances.

SECTION 2: This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.