



Executive Order 2017-3

November 2, 2017

Establishing the Providence Municipal ID Program

WHEREAS, many Providence residents in marginalized communities— including, but not limited to, undocumented immigrants, students, the homeless, LGBTQ, transgender and gender non-conforming people, the elderly, and adult survivors of domestic violence — currently suffer from a lack of official identification, which restricts their abilities to access and engage with City Services, to apply for jobs, and to access housing and home and workplace protections; and

WHEREAS, many Providence residents currently lack an ID that reflects how they identify; and

WHEREAS, because of lack of identification, people are afraid to report crimes to the police and engage with City officials, resulting in their limited participation in formal City business and other civic matters; and

WHEREAS, the City of Providence welcomes and encourages all residents to participate in society, is committed to protecting the civil liberties of all of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Elorza believes that a Providence Municipal Identification Card (hereinafter “Municipal ID”) Program will allow the City to continue building a society that reflects values such as equity, inclusion, and respect for the dignity of every individual in our community; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Elorza believes that a Providence Municipal ID Program will make our community safer and more secure, benefit the local economy, and facilitate participation in public and private City activities; and

WHEREAS, municipalities throughout the country, including but not limited to, New Haven, CT; San Francisco, CA; New York City, NY; Detroit, MI; Oakland, CA and others have implemented municipal ID programs, and Providence will have the benefit of adopting their best practices; and

WHEREAS, the Providence Municipal ID Card will be unique for residents in the City of Providence and will be produced with privacy and security measures to protect against counterfeit reproduction, and in the interests of public safety; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to take appropriate measures — including but not limited to implementing meaningful benefits and uses for the Providence Municipal Identification Card and developing substantial partnerships for its implementation — to ensure that the card is widely used and of the greatest benefit to all residents including marginalized populations; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to create a government-issued form of identification that is available to all City residents age 14 and older.

NOW THEREFORE, do I, Jorge O. Elorza, Mayor of the City of Providence, order the following, effective November 2, 2017:

1. The Providence Municipal ID Program is hereby created.
2. The purpose of the Municipal ID program is to issue identification cards so that all City residents, regardless of whether they have other state or federally issued identification, can access City services and programs.
3. The goals of this Program include the following:
 - a. To continue to promote inclusive, compassionate, and forward-thinking policies to support all of the City’s residents.
 - b. To ensure that the City’s most vulnerable and marginalized residents are supported.

- c. To advance Providence as a society that reflects values such as inclusion, equity and respect for the dignity of each individual.
 - d. To provide any and all City residents with a primary or alternative means of demonstrating residence in the City, for purposes including, but not limited to, accessing City services and activities and providing identification to City law enforcement. Provided, however, that possession of a municipal identification card is not a pre-requisite to access to any program, service or activity for which a City resident is otherwise eligible.
- 4. The Providence Municipal ID Program shall be administered in accordance with Policies and Procedures to be promulgated by the Municipal ID Program Administrator.
 - 5. This Executive Order shall remain in full force and effect until repealed.



Jorge O. Elorza

Mayor

Dated: November 2, 2017