

Code of Ordinances
City of Providence

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL**Sec. 16-1. Abandoned or unattended refrigerators, other receptacles.**

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to leave outside of any building or dwelling in a place accessible to children any abandoned, unattended or discarded icebox, refrigerator or any other container of any kind which has an airtight door, snap lock or other locking device thereon without first removing the said door, snap lock or lock from said icebox, refrigerator or container.

(Ch. 23, § 3.1, added by Ord. 1953, ch. 794, § 1)

Sec. 16-2. Assemblages, demonstrations at War Memorial monument.

No group of persons shall assemble on any part of the World War Memorial monument in Memorial Square or on the sidewalk surrounding the same for the purposes of making or participating in a demonstration or public exercises of any kind and no person shall address any such group or gathering from any part of said monument or the sidewalk surrounding the same; provided however, that memorial or patriotic exercises intimately associated with the purpose for which the monument was erected, may be held at any time at said monument upon the written approval of the mayor.

(Ord. 1930, ch. 772, § 1; Rev. Ords. 1946, ch. 23, § 21)

Sec. 16-3. Disorderly and indecent conduct.

Any person who engages in conduct which violates any of the following subsections thereby commits disorderly conduct:

- (a) Any person who shall act in a threatening, violent or tumultuous manner toward another whereby any person is placed in fear of safety of his life, limb or health or the property of any person is placed in danger of being destroyed or damaged; or
- (b) Any person who shall, in a public place or near a private residence that he has no right to occupy, disturb any person by making loud and unreasonable noise which under the circumstances would disturb a person of average sensibilities; or
- (c) Any person who shall in a public place use "fighting words" or offensive language or words which by their very utterance inflict injury or are likely to provoke a violent reaction on the part of the average person so addressed; or
- (d) Any person, who alone or in concert with others, obstructs any place ordinarily used for the passage of persons, vehicles or conveyances or otherwise engages in conduct with obstructs or interferes physically with a lawful meeting, procession or gathering; or
- (e) Any person who shall assemble or congregate with another or others for the purpose of causing, provoking, or engaging or who shall cause, provoke or engage in any fight or other riotous conduct whereby the life, limb, health or property of another is endangered; or
- (f) Any person who shall throw any stone or other missile upon or at any person,

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vehicle, building, tree, sign or other public private property; or

(g) Any person who shall urinate or defecate on or from any public street, alley, sidewalk or floor of any public building or building where the public gathers or has access, or who enters upon the private property of another and shall urinate or defecate on such private property; or

(h) Any person who enters upon the private property of another and looks into an occupied building structure located thereon without visible or lawful business with the owner or occupant thereof.

Any person found guilty of any violation of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment of not fewer than three (3) days nor more than thirty (30) days or by not less than ten (10) days nor more than thirty (30) days of voluntary community service.

(Ord. 1914, ch. 54, § 1; Rev. Ords. 1946, ch. 23, §1; Ord. 1982, ch. 82-27, § 1, 6-6-82; 1989, ch. 89-24, § 1, 11-6-89; Ord. 1995, ch. 95-3, § 1, 3-21-95)

State law references: Offenses against decency, §§ 11-2-1, 11-3-4, 11-6-1--11-6-4, 11-9-11--11-9-15, 11-10-1, 11-11-15, 11-11-16, 11-20-1, 11-20-2, 11-34-1--11-34-7, Chs. 11-40, 11-45, Gen. Laws 1956; offenses against public peace, §§ 11-11-1, 11-11-3, 11-11-4, 11-38-1--11-38-4, 11-44-12--11-44-14, 11-44-21, 11-47-21, 11-47-21, 11-47-37, 11-47-38, 45-15-13--45-15-15, Gen. Laws 1956.

Sec. 16-4. Malicious injury--Fences, posts, trees.

It shall be unlawful for any person maliciously, wantonly or carelessly to daub with paint, cut, break, or otherwise injure, or by scratching or writing with paint, blacking, chalk, or in any other way or manner, to deface any post, lamppost, fence, tree, tree box, house or other building situate in or upon any street, highway, bridge, wharf or public place or ground set apart for public purposes in the city, or any ornament or appurtenance of such post, lamppost, fence, tree, tree box, house or other building.

(Ord. 1914, ch. 35, § 2; Rev. Ords. 1946, ch. 23, § 3)

Cross references: Injury to monuments, trees, etc., in North Burial Ground, § 6-35; injuring fire hose or apparatus, § 9-6; lying on or overturning park seats, tampering with park property, throwing stones, etc., in parks, § 8-14 et seq.

State law references: Maliciously injuring plants, buildings, fences, etc., § 11-44-2, Gen. Laws 1956.

Sec. 16-5. Same--reward for apprehension of person maliciously damaging city property.

(a) *Authorized.* The mayor of the city is hereby authorized to offer a suitable reward, not to exceed the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) in any case, for any information leading to the detection, apprehension and conviction of any offender, or offenders who maliciously destroy or deface public or private property.

(b) *Payment.* Said reward shall be paid by the city treasurer upon the order of the city controller, and said city controller shall draw said order for payment whenever he shall receive a certificate of final conviction from the justice or clerk of the court before which said offender or offenders were tried.

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