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BRISTOL POLICE DEPARTMENT PETITION REVIEW FORM

DATE FILED: 4/11/26

PETITION DESCRIPTION:

Micahel Reilly, James D Rielly Foundation request permanent placement of the Bristol Santa House on High Street side of the Town Common, north of Byfield School.

PERSON/S FILING PETITION: Michael Rielly

LICENSE RENEWAL NEW PETITION

REVIEW:

- APPROVED
- CONDITIONAL APPROVAL
- DENIED
- FORWARD TO ANOTHER DEPARTMENT FOR REVIEW

NOTES:

Please see attached

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND
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Reviewed
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REVIEWING OFFICER: Lieutenant Paul Medeiros

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After reviewing the petitioner's request, the Bristol Police Department does not take a formal position on whether the Santa House should remain at its current location. However, we do have several concerns.

The 4th of July festivities bring significant pedestrian traffic to that area, particularly during the carnival on July 3rd and the parade on July 4th with the review stand located directly in front of the house. This increased activity raises concerns about potential vandalism, some of which may be unintentional.

The Santa House, regardless of the time of year or specific events, naturally attracts curiosity, especially from children who may be inclined to play on or around it.

I understand that Mr. Rielly has indicated plans to install cameras on or around the house if needed, which would be a valuable asset if it remains in its current location. However, the primary concern is preventing vandalism, rather than relying on camera footage after the fact to identify those responsible.

Additional preventative measures should be considered. For example, will there be a fence installed around the house? Will private security be assigned to monitor the house.

Respectfully Submitted
Lt Paul M. Medicinos #6