



THE CITY OF
SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

EXECUTIVE ORDER

TEMPORARY REMOVAL OF NEWSRACKS

WHEREAS, the First Amendment to the United States Constitution protects the right to distribute newspapers in newsracks; and

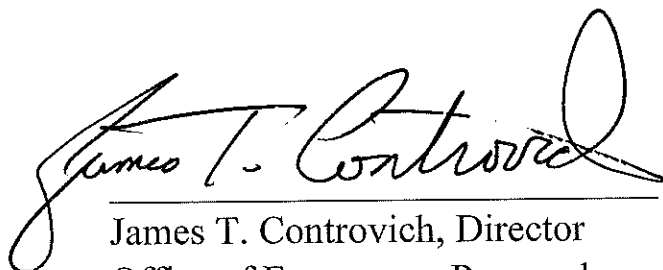
WHEREAS, the First Amendment, however, does not guarantee unlimited access to the distribution of newspapers in newsracks located on public streets and sidewalks but limits the newsracks to reasonable time, place and manner restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the United States Federal Protective Service has called the Mayor's Office to express concerns regarding bomb threats made to the Federal Court House located at 1550 Main Street in the City of Springfield and has also expressed concerns that the newsracks and waste receptacles maybe prime targets for a bomb.

NOW THEREFORE, I, James T. Controvich, by the authority vested in me as Director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness in the City of Springfield, Massachusetts, and pursuant to Chapter 639 of the Act of 1950, as amended and the Revised Ordinances of the City of Springfield, 1986, as amended, Chapter 7.04.030© on this 20th day of September, 2001 determine

that it is appropriate to order and direct the Department of Public Works and the Police Department to remove all newsracks and waste receptacles that are located at 1550 Main Street and the abutting ways of Bridge Street, Columbus Avenue and Worthington Street, surrounding the Federal Court House in the City of Springfield to protect public safety, to prevent the loss of life and to prevent the sabotage of public and private property. Further, I, James T. Controvich, hereby order and direct that the said newsracks and waste receptacles be removed to a minimum distance of three hundred (300) feet from the property lines of the Federal Court House and the abutting ways in the City of Springfield.

This Executive Order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until the Federal Protective Service states that the threat of a bomb attack has ended.



James T. Controvich, Director
Office of Emergency Preparedness