



CITY OF PROVIDENCE . MAYOR JOSEPH A. DOORLEY, JR.

# The Public Service Engineer

112 Union Street, Providence, R. I. 02903

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Public Service Engineer

March 10, 1969

Mr. Vincent Vespia  
City Clerk  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Vespia:

I enclosed herewith the Bill of the Narragansett Electric Company for the month of March 1969, for the street lighting of the City of Providence, in the amount of \$43,096.77

Very truly yours,

Frank S. Meadus  
Public Service Engineer

FSM/jd

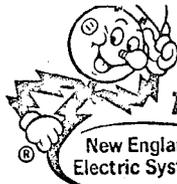
IN CITY COUNCIL

APR 17 1969

APPROVED:

CLERK

RECEIVED OF DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK  
April 24, 1969



**THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY**

New England Electric System

P.O. Box 1438  
Providence, R.I. 02901

SOLD TO 3-1820-0002-0  
City of Providence  
Frank Meadus  
Public Service Engineer  
City Hall, Providence, R.I.

DATE MAR 31 1969

INVOICE NO.

YOUR ORDER NO.

JOB NUMBER

~~XXXXXXXX~~ Street Lighting

TERMS: NET CASH

WHEN PAYING BY MAIL DETACH THE CASHIER'S STUB AND FORWARD WITH REMITTANCE TO INSURE PROPER CREDIT TO YOUR ACCOUNT.

7691	All Night	O.H.Single	1000 Lumen	@	1.314167	10,107	26			
127	" "	U.G. "	1000 "	@	2.400000	304	80			
522	" "	O.H. "	2500 "	@	2.628333	1,371	89			
13	" "	U.G. "	2500 "	@	4.295000	55	84			
3	" "	O.H. "	10000 "	@	5.877500	17	63			
27	" "	U.G. "	10000 "	@	7.544167	203	69			
439	" "	O.H.M.V.	7000 "	@	4.583333	2,012	08			
97	" "	U.G.M.V.	7000 "	@	6.250000	606	25			
2034	" "	O.H.M.V.	15000 "	@	6.416667	13,051	50			
1147	" "	U.G.M.V.	15000 "	@	8.083333	9,271	58			
1	" "	U.G.M.V.	15000 2Lt.Cl.	@	14.500000	14	50			
44	24 Hr.Br.Lt.	U.G.M.V.	15000 Lumen	@	10.250000	451	00			
75	All Night	O.H.M.V.	21000 "	@	7.833333	587	50			
472	" "	U.G.M.V.	21000 "	@	9.500000	4,484	00			
4	" "	U.G.M.V.	21000 2Lt.Cl.	@	17.333333	69	33			
7	" "	U.G.M.V.	7000 2Lt.Cl.	@	10.833333	75	83			
9	Half Night	O.H.Single	1000 Lumen	@	.855000	7	70			
212	" "	U.G. "	1000 "	@	2.080833	441	14			
3	" "	U.G. "	10000 "	@	5.942500	17	83			
11	" "	U.G. "	2500 "	@	3.614167	39	76			
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Additions

+2 All Night O.H.Single 1000 Lumen @ .043205 x 60 nts

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*Vincent Vespa*  
CLERK

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43,196 39

WHEN PAYING BY MAIL PLEASE DETACH THIS STUB AND FORWARD WITH YOUR REMITTANCE TO INSURE PROPER CREDIT TO YOUR ACCOUNT

**THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY**  
CASHIER'S STUB

RECEIVED FROM

ACCOUNT NUMBER

3-1820-0002-0

City of Providence

Arrears:

ADDRESS

Frank Meadus, Pub. Ser. Eng.  
City Hall

REFERENCE OR JOB NUMBER

INVOICE DATE

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AMOUNT

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OFFICE (401) 272-2424  
RESIDENCE (401) 831-2341

JOHN F. SMOLLINS, JR.  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
630 INDUSTRIAL BANK BUILDING  
PROVIDENCE, R. I. 02903

April 7, 1969

Honorable Russell J. Boyle  
President, Providence City Council  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Russell:

Because of my recent appointment as Administrative Aid to Mayor Doorley, I deem it prudent to resign as Providence Public Administrator effective immediately in order to remove all possibility of a conflict of interest situation.

I am grateful for the confidence which the City Council showed in me and can assure the Council that I enjoyed the opportunity for municipal service in a position of public trust.

Respectfully,



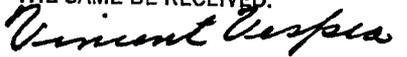
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# TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN

TOWN HALL 350 EAST MAIN ROAD

MIDDLETOWN, RHODE ISLAND 02840

April 9, 1969

To the Honorable Council of the  
City of Providence, Rhode Island

The Middletown Town Council at its meeting held April 7, 1969 received from the Rhode Island AFL CIO a communication concerning the enforcement of the provisions of the General Laws pertaining to Sunday Sales.

Mr. Herbert C. Grant, the President, had submitted a statement on this subject. The Town Council expressed agreement with the requests of its President contained therein and voted to send a copy of his statement, which is enclosed, to each Council of the local governments in the State.

Very truly yours,

James A. Peckham,  
Town Clerk.

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APR 17 1969

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CLERK

TO: THE MIDDLETOWN TOWN COUNCIL

FROM: Herbert C. Grant

SUBJECT: SUNDAY SALES LAW

April 1, 1969

In response to this communication from the Rhode Island AFL-CIO concerning enforcement of the Sunday Sales Law, I would like to answer in some detail. To do so will make it a bit lengthy, so please bear with me

I agree with the statement in the first paragraph that law enforcement is becoming more difficult in our growing and changing society but I disagree that this is brought about by permissiveness and I disagree that there is an unwillingness on the part of law enforcement officers to enforce the law. Silly and unenforceable laws like the Sunday Sales Laws are a headache to law enforcement officers that they don't need and shouldn't be asked to deal with.

The second paragraph begins "Because of the impact on some of our unions". Let us recognize that this is the only reason for this flap. The people who wrote this letter are not interested in the general welfare and benefit to the people. -- they are trying to bring about an action that will benefit their own narrow interest. Then they are cloaking their appeal in cries about law enforcement and morality.

In the third paragraph, they say: "before the Sabbath becomes just another day of profit". I ask you, is it somehow more moral to make a profit selling fish than it is selling meat? If making a profit on Sunday is wrong, let us have laws which forbid it. Perhaps we should have laws which allow stores to be open but they must sell everything at cost. That would be pretty ridiculous in this society, wouldn't it. I wonder how many stores of any kind would be open to sell anything.

The next line says: "before the moral fiber of our society is completely destroyed." What a ridiculous statement! Is our moral fiber dependent on an antiquated Blue Law? Here we have laws on the books so silly, -- so ineffectual -- that it is pitiful. It makes law-breakers out of people who have no intention of breaking the law.

Let me illustrate some of the inconsistencies if the laws are strictly enforced

First, the law allows sale of fish but not of meat. Does that make sense?

## SUNDAY SALES LAW

In the flyer with the letter, it says that canned goods cannot be sold. This is not true. Fish, vegetables and fruits are permitted sales and there is no stipulation in what form, so it is obvious that they can be fresh, frozen, canned or dried.

Let me go on.

Milk, yes, - butter no.

Eggs, wholesale, - but not retail.

Apple pie but not chicken pie, hand soap but not dishwashing soap, - bread but no jelly or peanut butter to put on it.

Does milk include cream? Apparently not, -- but if it does, are cream substitutes included?

Getting away from food, one can buy a bathing cap but not a hat. He can have a hat cleared but not a suit. He can buy a tire for his car but not for his bicycle.

He can buy seat covers for his car but not for his house furniture and a car radio but not a house radio. He can buy a beach ball but not a baseball and Kleenex but not paper napkins.

He can have his car serviced in any way, shape or manner, but not his washing machine, -- he can buy spark plugs but not radio tubes. He can have a tire fixed but not his oil burner and he can buy an umbrella to keep off the sun at the beach but not one to keep off the rain.

Speaking of the beach he can buy all sorts of beach supplies -- anything for recreation on the beach but nothing for other forms of recreation, such as golf, archery, skiing, etc. He can't even buy fishing supplies except bait. Is that enough?

The obvious fact is that there is no consideration here that it is wrong to sell or wrong to make a profit on Sunday. There are as many exceptions as there are prohibitions. There also are no words which allow only certain kinds of stores to be open. Discrimination in that manner would probably quickly be ruled unconstitutional.

## SUNDAY SALES LAW

It is clear that strong unions have here a loophole to throttle non-union establishments and they want to use it.

They call on our "precious Rhode Island heritage". In my opinion, if our precious Rhode Island heritage means anything, it means freedom from discrimination and protection of the individual's freedom of conscience.

We must respect the rights of the individual to make his own choice. Those who don't want to buy and those who don't want to sell on Sunday must be respected for their beliefs, but they must exercise their beliefs in their own conduct and not over the conduct of others.

As long as we have laws on the books, they should be enforced. I cannot disagree with that. But, if there is any such increase in crime as we are led to believe, - if we are in any danger from real crime, how can we afford to allow even one police officer to spend even one minute enforcing a law that neither he nor the community believes in. Having such laws on the books, - prohibiting actions which practically no one believes are wrong, -- laws which are so inconsistent that they defy any kind of logic, -- and asking police officers to enforce those laws is a mockery of our system of law enforcement and justice. We must stop this nonsense.

I ask you to give consideration to the following aspects of the Sunday Sales Laws:

1. They no longer have anything to do with right and wrong -- if they ever did.
2. There is no longer any religious connotation in a society with such diversity of religious belief where even the vast majority of religious leaders have no interest in enforcement.
3. They thwart some of the basic competitive principles which serve to protect the consumer.
4. They discriminate against the small business man trying to compete against the large corporation.

SUNDAY SALES LAW

5. They discriminate in favor of a small minority who mistakenly believe that they are entitled to and are afforded some measure of job protection by this means.
6. They are an improper use of the State's police power.
7. They result in improper use of local law enforcement forces.
8. They cause unnecessary inconvenience to the consumer with no demonstrable benefit to him.
9. They are so vague and inconsistent that vast numbers of persons are unwittingly disobeying the law.

I respectfully request the Middletown Town Council to go on record as being opposed to the perpetuation of these laws and further request that the Council shall pass a resolution requesting the Middletown Representatives and Senator to introduce and/or support legislation in the General Assembly to eliminate these relics of the past.

In addition, I request that the Middletown Town Council pass a resolution whereby a copy of this statement be sent to every Council in the State of Rhode Island with a request that they consider asking their Legislative Representatives to take action.

The time to strike at this absurdity in our society is now while the subject is hot.

Thank you for your consideration.

  
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Herbert C. Grant

President, Middletown Town Council



JOSEPH C. SCUNCIO  
CHAIRMAN & SECRETARY  
FRANK LAZARUS  
JOHN J. SHEEHAN, JR.

**BUREAU OF LICENSES**  
CITY HALL, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

April 7, 1969

To the Honorable City Council  
City Hall Providence Rhode Island.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 2275 of the Public Laws of 1935, the Bureau of Licenses submits, herewith, a report of its activities for the quarter, ending-March 30, 1969:

INTOXICATING BEVERAGES-LICENSES

<u>Liquor Licenses</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Total</u>
Class A Retailers	3	\$1500.00	
Class B Tavern	1	1600.00	
Class C Beverage	3	1374.00	
Class E Druggist	1	10.00	
Class F 24 hour	1	10.00	
			\$4,494.00

BUSINESS and NON BUSINESS LICENSES

Taverns, 1st class	1	100.00	
Taverns, 3rd Class	1	50.00	
Laundry	2	20.00	
Food Dispenser	529	10,987.50	
Sunday Sales	280	2,800.00	
Parking, Sundays	4	135.00	
Second Hand Stores	6	150.00	
Pawnbrokers	4	400.00	
Police Constable with power	13	325.00	
Police Con. without power	1	25.00	
Private Detectives	10	250.00	
Permit to carry weapons	9	18.00	
Hackney Carr. Power Vehicle	4	40.00	
Hackney Carriage Drivers	41	41.00	
Frozen Desserts	26	425.00	
Vehicle license (paid)	2	4.00	
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JOSEPH C. SCUNCIO  
 CHAIRMAN & SECRETARY  
 FRANK LAZARUS  
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 CITY HALL, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

Page 2. continued Business and Non-Business

	<u>No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Total</u>
Permit to sell revolvers, Retail	1	\$5.00	
Show and Dance	422	\$3,965.00	
Pool Tables	8	425.00	
Bowling Alleys	7	460.00	
Athletic Exhibitions on Sunday	11	100.00	
Bingo	71	615.00	
Explosives	3	6.00	
Conduct business 1 A.m.-4 A.M.	26	260.00	
Transfer Licenses	30	360.00	
Junk Gatherers badges 1		1.50	
Lost Dog tags	11	2.75	
Newsboys badges	0	0	
Hackney Carr. Drivers badges 41		41.00	
Hackney Carriage Markers 4		4.00	
Truck markers 2		2.00	
			\$22,017.75
<u>Petroleum</u>			
Storage, Petroleum products	168	10,300.00	10,300.00
<u>Dog Licenses</u>			
Dogs	50	93.00	93.00
Total	1750	Total	36,904.75

Respectfully submitted for Bureau of Licenses:

*Joseph C. Scuncio*  
 Joseph C. Scuncio-Chairman and Secretary

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 APR 17 1969

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DEPT. OF CITY CLERK  
PROVIDENCE, R. I.

To the Honorable City Council of the City of Providence:

The undersigned, the Board of Tax Assessment Review of the City of Providence that pursuant to the provisions of Section 12 of Chapter 1665 of the Public Laws of 1945, as amended, said Board of Tax Assessment Review has reviewed taxes and made changes authorized by said act, as follows:

Original

1968 03 327 025  
Child's Realty, Inc.  
100 Cathedral Ave.

7 660 Real Estate \$ 329.38 Total Tax

Correction 68-84

1968 03 327 025  
Child's Realty, Inc.  
100 Cathedral Ave.

6 560 Real Estate \$ 282.08 Total Tax

Assessor's Plat 45

Lot 206 Bldg. 6 060.....Should be Bldg. 4 960

Original

1968 26 007 600  
Louis M Zampini and  
wife Emily A.D.  
191 Academy Ave

26 560 Real Estate \$ 1 142.08 Total Tax

Correction 68-85

1968 26 007 600  
Louis M Zampini and  
wife Emily A.D.  
191 Academy Ave

24 560 Real Estate \$ 1 056.08 Total Tax

Assessor's Plat 35

Lot 331 Bldg. 6 060.....Should be Bldg. 4 060

Original

1968 22 081 290  
 Vision Realty Inc.  
 326 Industrial Bank Bldg.  
 111 Westminster Street 40 720 Real Estate \$ 1 750.97 Total Tax

Correction 68-86

1968 22 081 290  
 Vision Realty Inc.  
 326 Industrial Bank Bldg.  
 111 Westminster Street 37 790 Real Estate \$ 1 624.97

Assessor's Plats 44 and 49

P 44 Lot 655 Bldg. 19 320.....Should be Bldg. 17 390  
 P 49 Lot 426 Bldg. 16 800.....Should be Bldg. 15 800

Original

1968 07 267 100  
 Filomena Golini  
 49 Taber Ave 44 770 Real Estate \$ 1 925.11 Total Tax

Correction 68-87

1968 07 267 100  
 Filomena Golini  
 49 Taber Ave 40 210 Real Estate \$ 1 729.03 Total Tax

Assessor's Plat 33

Lot 305 Bldg. 19 610.....Should be Bldg. 15 050

New Owner- William E. Lancellotti and wife Lois R  
 10 Brookwood Drive  
 Johnston, R.I.

Original

1968 04 000 870  
 D & R Realty Co., Inc.  
 508 Industrial Bank Bldg.  
 111 Westminster Street 17 740 Real Estate \$ 762.82 Total Tax

Correction 68-88

1968 04 000 870  
 D & R Realty Co., Inc.  
 508 Industrial Bank Bldg.  
 111 Westminster Street 12 580 Real Estate \$ 540.94

Assessor's Plat 2

Lot 376 Bldg. 15 500.....Should be Bldg. 10 340

Original

1968 11 032 212  
Jerome J. Katz and  
wife Gertrude G  
70 Sinclair Ave.

12 350 Real Estate

\$ 531.05 Total Tax

Correction 68-89

1968 11 032 212  
Jerome J Katz and  
wife Gertrude G  
70 Sinclair Ave

8 470 Real Estate

\$ 364.21 Total Tax

Assessor's Plat 3

Lot 269 Bldg. 8 860.....Should be Bldg. 4 980

Original

1968 16 293 260  
Helen M. Piro  
524 Branch Ave

57 080 Real Estate  
3 220 M.V.

\$ 2 454.44  
138.46

\$ 2 592.90 Total Tax

Correction 68-90

1968 16 293 260  
Helen M. Piro  
524 Branch Ave

51 630 Real Estate  
3 220 M.V.

\$ 2 220.09  
138.46

\$ 2 358.55

Assessor's Plats 35 and 108

P 35 Lot 204	Bldg. 5 810.....	Should be Bldg. 4 940
P 35 Lot 205	Bldg. 5 810.....	Should be Bldg. 5 020
P 35 Lot 518	Bldg. 5 810.....	Should be Bldg. 5 020
P108 Lot 205	Bldg. 6 740.....	Should be Bldg. 5 240
P108 Lot 206	Bldg. 7 080.....	Should be Bldg. 5 580

Original

1968	01209 281		
Aris Realty Co. Inc			
58 Weybosset St.		59 010 Real Estate	\$2 537.43 Total Tax

Correction 68-91

1968	01 209 281		
Aris Realty Co. Inc.			
58 Weybosset St.		54 060 Real Estate	\$2 324.58 Total Tax

Assessor's Plat 25

			Total Tax
Lot 252 Bldg. 24 730.....	Should be Bldg.	\$19 780	

Original

1968	16 397 577		
Julia McKenna Prior Est.			
c/o Benjamin M. McLyman			
636 Hospital Trust Bldg.		32 730 Real Estate	\$1 407.39 Total Tax

Correction 68-92

1968	16 397 577		
Julia McKenna Prior Est.			
c/o Benjamin M. McLyman			
636 Hospital Trust Bldg.		27 420 Real Estate	\$1 179.06 Total Tax

Assessor's Plat 25

Lot 248 Bldg. 19 890.....	should be bldg.	\$14 580
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Original

1968	04 165 600		
Rose DelBonis			
275 Hartford Ave.		31 140 Real Estate	\$1 339.02 Total Tax

Correction 68-93

1968	04 165 600		
Rose Del Bonis			
275 Hartford Ave.		25 480 Real Estate	\$1 095.64

Assessor's Plat 106

Lot 60 Eldg. 25 660.....	should be bldg.	\$20 000
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Original

1968 01 260 355  
Auction Realty Company  
29 Weybosset St.

57 680 Real Estate \$2 480.24

Correction 68-94

1968 01 260 355  
Auction Realty Company  
29 Weybosset St.

42 450 Real Estate \$1 825.35

Assessor's Plat 105

Lot 8 Bldg. 44 100.....should be bldg. \$28 870

Original

1968 13 006 761  
Domenic Maccarone and wife  
Angela D.  
41 Dellwood Road  
Cranston, R. I.

30 450 Real Estate \$1 309.35

Correction 68-95

1968 13 006 761  
Domenic Maccarone and wife  
Angela D.  
41 Dellwood Road  
Cranston, R. I.

29 020 Real Estate- \$1 247.86

Assessor's Plat 52

Lot 99 Bldg. 21 600.....should be bldg. \$20 170

Original

1968 23 195 065  
Charles N. Williams and wife  
Helen  
140 Meshanticut Pkwy  
Cranston, R. I.

22 420 Real Estate \$964.06

Correction 68-96

1968 23 195 065  
Charles N. Williams and wife  
Helen  
140 Meshanticut Pkwy  
Cranston, R. I.

17 400 Real Estate \$748.20

Assessor's Plat 49

Lot 390 Bldg. 18 480.....should be bldg. 13 460

Original

1968 13 163 835  
Ralph Mariano  
51 Fillmore St.

14 840 Real Estate  
140 M. V.  
14 980

\$644.14 Total Tax  
43.00 Ex. Cr.  
\$601.14

Correction 68-97

1968 13 163 835  
Ralph Mariano  
51 Fillmore St.

10 500 Real Estate  
140 M. V.

\$457.52  
43.00 Ex. Cr.  
\$414.52

Assessor's Plat 49

Lot 376 Bldg. 9 000.....should be bldg. \$4 660

Original

1968 19 228 110  
William A. Shawcross  
Realty Co.  
91 Fosdyke St.

176 120 Real Estate

\$7 573.16

Correction 68-98

1968 19 228 110  
William A. Shawcross  
Realty Co.  
91 Fosdyke St.

93 470 Real Estate

\$4 019.21

Assessor's Plat 20

Lot 34 Land 101 800.....should be land 79 150  
Bldg. 74 320.....should be bldg. 14 320

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*Vincent Caspi*  
CLERK

*Sidney Goldman, Chairman*  
*Francis E. [Signature]*  
*John R. [Signature]*

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APR 17 1968

