

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 191

Approved March 13, 1986

RESOLVED, DECREED AND ORDERED:

That the following named Street shown as cross-hatched area on the accompanying plan entitled, "Providence, RI Department of Public Works - Engineering Office, Street Line Section Plan No. 064338, dated December 12, 1985",

VIZ:

Thornton Street (portion of), shown as cross-hatched area on accompanying plan and designated by the letters (A-B-C-D-A) having ceased to be useful to the public and is proposed to be abandoned as a Public Highway, provided that the Providence Gas Company be granted a utility easement and be allowed access to their gas main for maintenance purposes; that petitioners and other adjoining property owners will convey an easement acceptable to The Narragansett Electric Company which will permit the retention of their facilities in existing locations in said Thornton Street, together with the right to inspect, maintain, operate and replace the same; New England Telephone and Telegraph Company be granted an easement acceptable to New England Telephone, which will permit retention of its facilities in existing locations with the right to inspect, maintain, operate and replace the same and with twenty-four hour access to said facilities and if the facilities are to be relocated the petitioner shall assume all costs; and the damage to the abutters is appraised at nothing and so awarded, and it is further

ORDERED, That the Director of Public Works be and he is hereby directed to cause a sign to be placed on the above-named highway abandoned as aforesaid, having thereon the words, "Not a Public Highway", and it is further

ORDERED, That after the entry of this order or decree the City Clerk shall cause a notice thereof to be published in a newspaper, published in the County of Providence at least once a week for three successive weeks and a further and personal notice shall be served by the City Sergeant upon every owner of land abutting the above-named highway which has been abandoned, who is known to reside within the State.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED

*Louis B. Stawata* PRES.

*Joseph M. ...* CLERK

APPROVED

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*John ...*

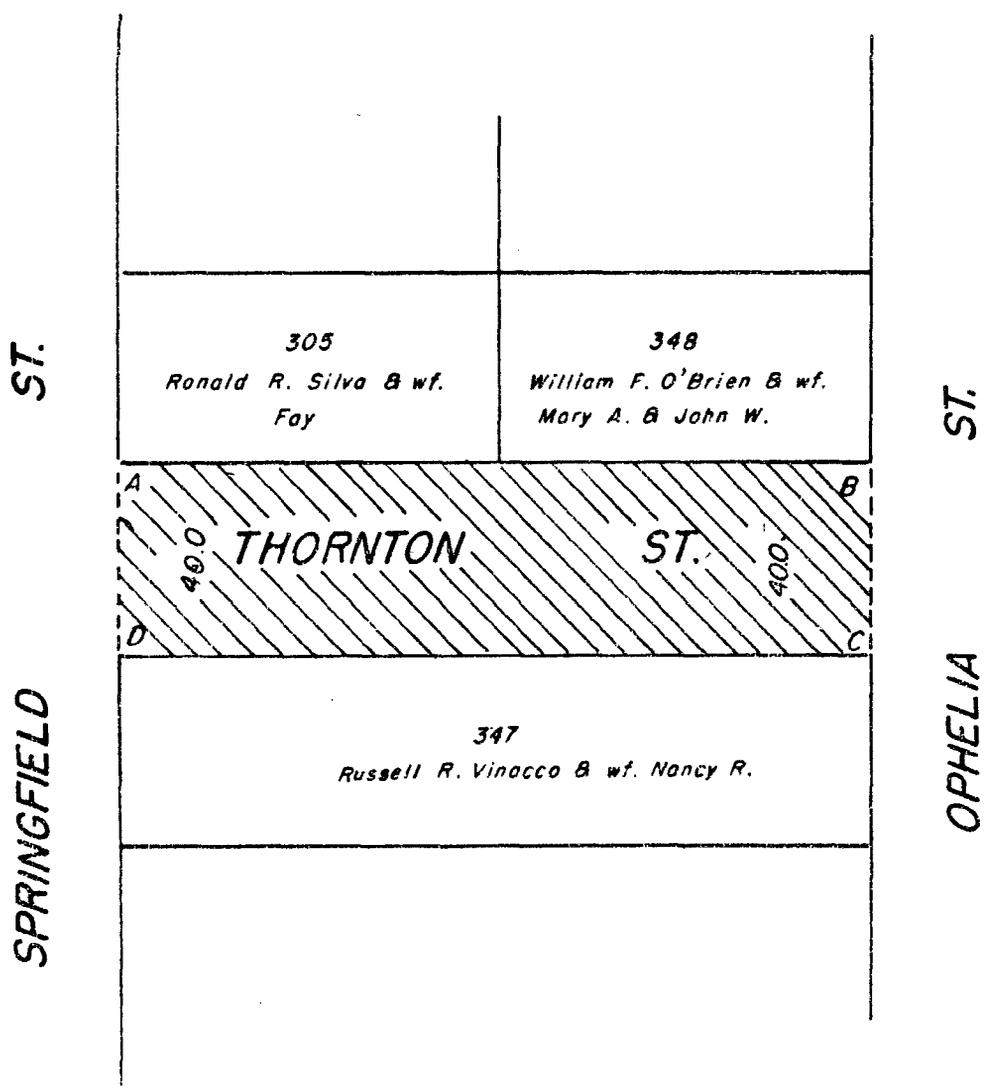
**THE COMMITTEE ON  
PUBLIC WORKS**

**Approves Passage of  
The Within Resolution**

*Rose M. Mendonca*  
Clark Chairman

*February 19, 1986*

PROVIDENCE R. I.  
 P. W. DEPT. - ENGINEERING OFFICE  
 STREET LINE SECTION  
 Plot No. 064338  
 Date December 12, 1985



Note:  
 Cross-Hatched Area (A-B-C-D-A)  
 Indicates Proposed Abandonment.

CITY OF PROVIDENCE, R. I.  
 Public Works Dept. - Engineering Office  
 Showing Proposed Abandonment  
 Thornton St. (Ophelia-Springfield Str.)  
 Drawn by J.T.M. Checked by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Scale 1" = 40' Date 12-12-85  
 Corrected by [Signature] Associate Eng.  
 Approved \_\_\_\_\_ CHIEF ENGINEER

Lot Numbers From Assesor's Plat 115

CITY OF PROVIDENCE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

PETITION TO THE CITY COUNCIL

TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE:

*The undersigned respectfully petitions your honorable body*

107 Springfield St.  
Providence, R.I.  
November 9, 1985

To Whom It May Concern:

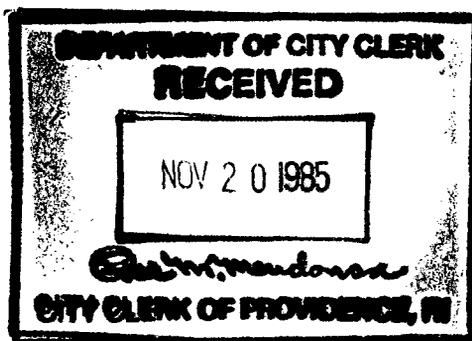
We, the people who own the lots at 44 Ophelia Street, 50 Ophelia Street and 107 Springfield Street are applying for road abandonment of that portion Thorton Street which runs from Ophelia Street to Springfield Street. It would be to our benefit and the City of Prov. to help stop car theft and the racing of the dirt bikes which is what that Street (Thorton) is primarely used for. Thorton Street was never paved and is listed as a paper road. It is also used as a dumping ground for used tires and trash which we have been cleaning up ourselves to help control rat problems. During the summer months, teenagers use these corners for loitering late at night. Also, due to all the pot holes in the road, when the stolen cars race threw there late at night we are awakened by the loud noise. We feel that if you grant us road abandonment of that portion of Thorton Street, it would solve those problems. Please find enclosed a check for \$75.00 Application Fee.

Sincerely Yours,

*Ronald R. Vainio*  
44 Ophelia St

*Ronald Silva - 274-4577*  
107 Springfield St.

*John W. Brien*  
50 Ophelia St.



Check # 765 amt. \$75.00

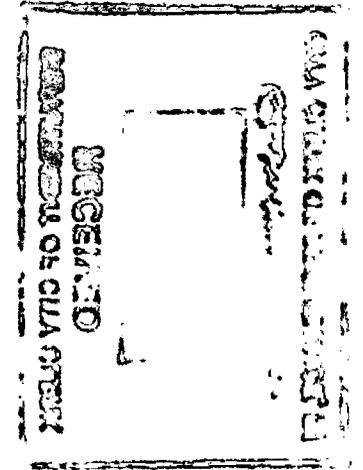
IN CITY COUNCIL  
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**PUBLIC WORKS**

Res. M. M. ... CLERK

THE COMMITTEE ON *Feb. 5, 1986*  
**PUBLIC WORKS**

Recommends *Be Continued*  
Michael R. Clement  
Clerk



*Council President Pro Tempore Shavato (By Request)*

City of Providence



Rhode Island

Department of City Clerk

**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: December 6, 1985

TO: Anthony G. Stanzione, Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: Thornton Street - Abandonment Portion

CONSIDERED BY: Committee on Public Works

DISPOSITION: Attached is a copy of the subject petition for your study and report back in writing to the above-mentioned Committee as soon as practical, along with a list of abutting property owners and tracing of the said area.

MICHAEL R. CLEMENT  
Deputy **City Clerk**

ANTHONY G. STANZIONE, P.E.

PETER P. GRANIERI, JR., P.E.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS



JOSEPH R. PAOLINO, JR.

MAYOR

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

January 21, 1986

Hon. James Petrosinelli  
Chairman of the Public Works Committee  
Providence City Council  
City Hall  
Providence, R. I. 02903

Re: Proposed Abandonment of Thornton Street  
(From Springfield Street to Ophelia Street)

Dear Councilman Petrosinelli:

The Department of Public Works has no objections to the abandonment of that portion of Thornton Street, from the easterly line of Springfield Street to the westerly line of Ophelia Street.

Please note that there is no sewer line in this portion of Thornton Street to be abandoned.

If this Department can be of any further assistance to you in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M. Megalli".

Makram H. Megalli, P.E.  
City Engineer

MHM:jlc

CC: A. Stanzone, Director  
R. Quigley, Assoc. Eng.

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Water Supply Board  
"Building Pride In Providence"

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City Councilman  
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Member  
RICHARD A. CARROLL  
Member

December 12, 1985

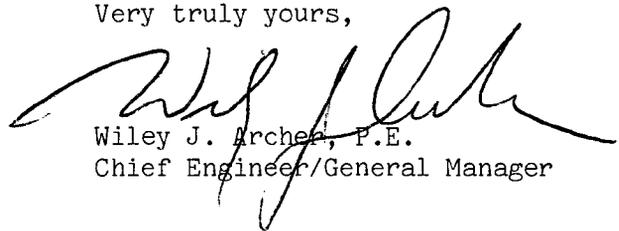
Councilman James Petrosinelli, Chairman  
Committee on Public Works  
City Clerk's Office  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Councilman Petrosinelli:

This department received a copy of a Petition for the abandonment of a portion of Thornton Street in the City of Providence.

The Water Supply Board has no facilities in this area to be abandoned and therefore has no objection to the abandonment.

Very truly yours,



Wiley J. Archer, P.E.  
Chief Engineer/General Manager

mtd

cc: Mr. Edward Bondarevskis  
Senior Principal Engineer, WSB

B. JAMES SUZMAN  
TRAFFIC ENGINEER



JOSEPH R. PAOLINO, JR.  
MAYOR

## Department of Traffic Engineering

*"Building Pride In Providence"*

### M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Committee on Public Works  
FROM: B. James Suzman, Traffic Engineer  
DATE: December 16, 1985  
RE: Thornton Street - Abandonment Portion

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Request: To abandon a portion of Thornton Street.

Disposition: No objection to said abandonment.



# The City Plan Commission

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~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ STREET

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

January 13, 1986

Committee on Public Works  
c/o City Clerk  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Attention: Rose M. Mendonca, City Clerk

Subject: Referral No. 2171 - Proposed Abandonment of Thornton Street  
(portion between Ophelia and Springfield  
Streets)

Gentlemen:

The City Plan Commission at its January 7, 1986 regular monthly meeting reviewed and evaluated the subject referral from your Committee.

The petitioners are: Ronald R. Silva of 107 Springfield Street - owner of abutting Lot 305 on A.P. 115, John W. O'Brien of 50 Ophelia Street - owner of abutting Lot 348 on A.P. 115 and Russell R. Vinacco of 20 Methyl Street, Providence, R.I. - owner of abutting lot 347 on A.P. 115.

A field inspection revealed that the subject portion of Thornton Street is an unpaved public right-of-way serving as a crossover between Springfield and Ophelia Streets. Large potholes with standing water and accumulation of debris on both sides of this crossover indicate lack of maintenance of this portion of Thornton Street by the City. A sign "Not a Public Throughway" located on the corner of Ophelia and Thornton Streets is reinforcing a status of abandonment.

More than a year ago, a similar petition pertaining to the portion of Thornton Street located between Eliza and Ophelia Streets was recommended by the City Plan Commission to be denied (see attached copy of CPC Referral No. 2134). However, the City Council approved the aforesaid abandonment on February 14, 1985.

A current field inspection revealed that aforesaid portion of Thornton Street located between Ophelia and Eliza Streets was abandoned and a chain link fence with gates was constructed on both ends of that portion of Thornton Street.

Committee on Public Works  
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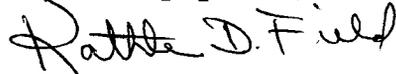
Referral No. 2171

There is an indication of potential new residential development on the western side of Springfield Street (land is being offered for sale). The entire area located between Hartford Avenue, Killingly and Eliza Streets requires a comprehensive land development plan. An abandonment of existing public right-of-ways within the area without such a plan creates serious planning problems in the future as well as public safety hazards. The proposed abandonment of portion of Thornton Street between Ophelia and Springfield Streets does not meet the City Plan Commission's criteria for street, highway and right-of-way abandonment and therefore,

The Commission voted:

To advise the Committee on Public Works that this petition should be denied and that the Committee should seek advice from both the Police and Fire Departments on this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Kathleen D. Field  
Associate Director of Planning

KDF/jp  
cc: Councilman Louis R. Stravato



# The City Plan Commission

40 FOUNTAIN STREET

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

September 19, 1984

Committee on Public Works  
c/o City Clerk  
City Hall  
Providence, R.I. 02903

Attention: Rose M. Mendonca, City Clerk

Subject: Referral No. 2134 - Proposed Abandonment of Portion of  
Thornton St. located between Ophelia St. and Eliza St.

Gentlemen:

The City Plan Commission, at its September 5, 1984 regular monthly meeting, reviewed and evaluated the subject referral from your Committee.

The petition was submitted by the owners of abutting lots 421, 371, 372 and 420 on AP 115. John B. Auger, Jr., Isabella and Joseph Sukaskas, Walker H. Berndt, Margaret and Thomas E. Mooney.

The Commission comments and recommendations are as follows:

A field inspection revealed that the subject portion of Thornton St. is a paved public right-of-way without sidewalks.

The owners of Lot 420, Mr. Thomas E. Mooney and his wife, are utilizing a portion of Thornton St. by extending their landscaped grounds approximately 16 feet into public right-of-way. They maintain double access driveways from Thornton St. and Eliza St.

The paved portion of the subject right-of-way is located close to the property lines of Lots 421 and 371 (approximately 1-2 feet).

Ophelia, Eliza and Springfield Streets are dead-end streets with no possibility of extending Eliza and Ophelia Streets because of a steep drop of terrain (over 20 ft.). Eliza Street, with a total length of 831 feet, would have only access from Hartford Avenue if the proposed abandonment of Thornton St. would take place.

From a planning point of view and from the point of public safety, it is important to maintain crossover access between Ophelia and Eliza Streets and therefore:

The Commission voted: to recommend to the Committee on Public Works that this petition be denied.

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## Department of Public Parks

*"Building Pride In Providence"*

December 11, 1985

Mr. Michael P. Clement, First Deputy City Clerk  
City Clerks Office  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

RE: PROPOSED ABANDONMENT OF THORNTON STREET FROM OPHELIA STREET  
TO SPRINGFIELD STREET

Dear Mr. Clement,

In researching the Department of Public Parks site maps and records, our conclusion is that the proposed abandonment of Thornton Street from Ophelia Street to Springfield Street, will in no way conflict with any Parks Department facility or future plans for the area.

Therefore, the Department of Public Parks has no objection to the proposed abandonment.

Enclosed is a map showing the street in question colored in red, and the nearest Department of Public Parks facility colored in green.

Sincerely,

John A. Izzo  
Associate Engineer  
Department of Public Parks

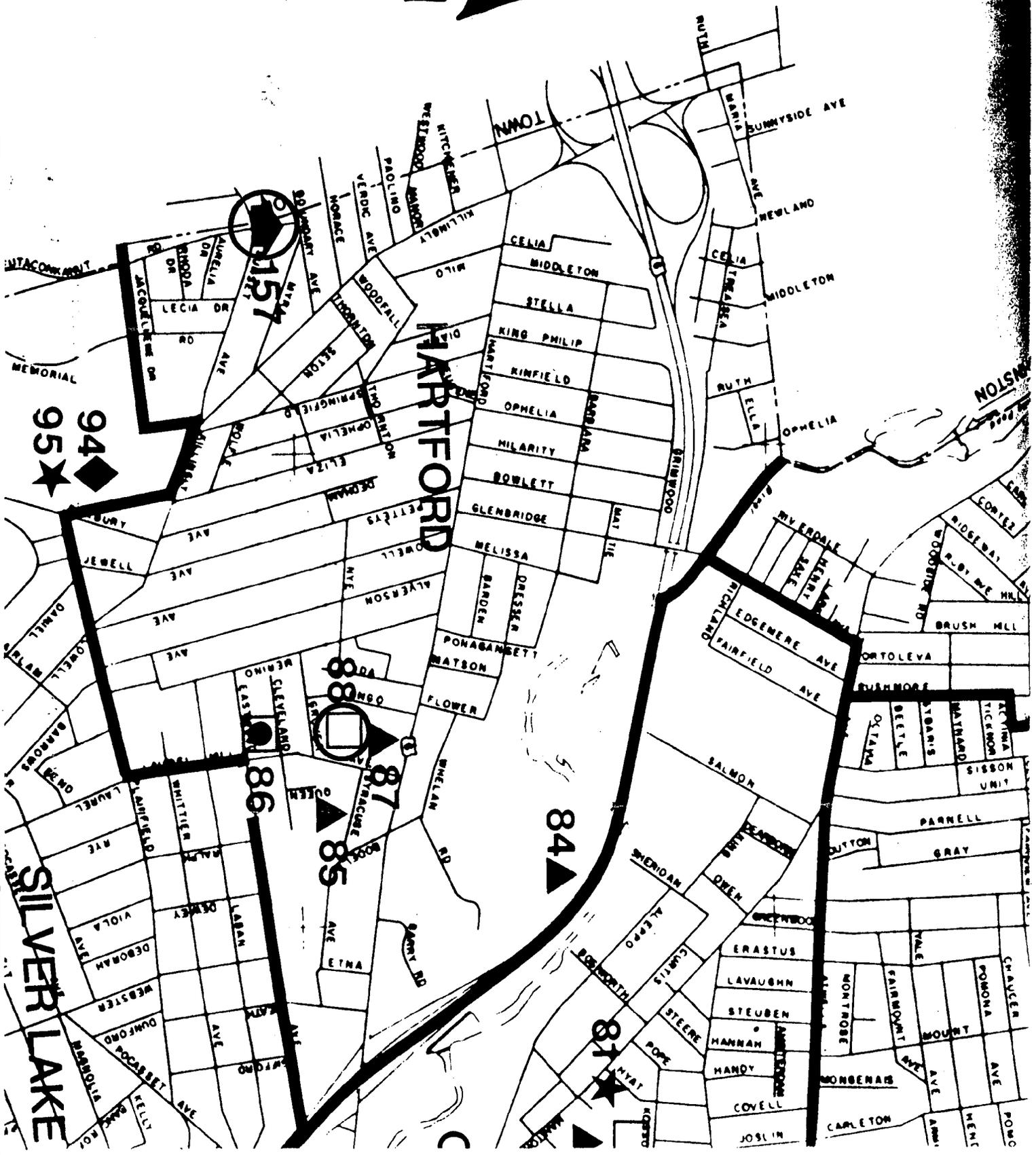
Attachments

cc: Nancy Derrig, Superintendent of Parks

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SILVER LAKE

CHARLES A. PISATURO, ESQ.  
COMMISSIONER  
CHIEF MICHAEL F. MOISE  
FIRE CHIEF



JOSEPH R. PAOLINO, JR.  
MAYOR

Department of Public Safety, Fire Department  
*"Building Pride In Providence"*

January 31, 1986

Charles A. Pisaturo, Esq.  
Commissioner of Public Safety  
209 Fountain Street  
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Abandonment - Portion of Thornton Street

Dear Sir:

The abandonment of a portion of Thornton Street as outlined in the Petition to the City Council would not adversely affect the operations of the fire department.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael F. Moise".

Michael F. Moise  
Chief of Department

MFM/ds

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PROVIDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT

January 31, 1986

To: COL. Anthony J. Mancuso

From: Lt. William Devine

Subject: Abandonment of Thornton St.

Sir:

This street right now is a dirt road and if abandonment is allowed it would have no effect on traffic. Also if allowed it would make another lot available to build on. The area was checked by Sgt. R. Hastings.

Respectfully submitted,

LT. WILLIAM DEVINE





**New England  
Telephone**

291 Promenade Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

January 29, 1986

Committee on Public Works  
Providence City Council  
City Hall  
Providence, R.I. 02903

RE: PETITION TO ABANDON A PORTION OF THORNTON STREET

Dear Sirs:

New England Telephone and Telegraph Company presently has aerial facilities consisting of two poles (2), one cable and several drop wires which provide service for customers on Ophelia, Thornton and Springfield Streets.

New England Telephone and Telegraph Company will not object to the granting of said petition, provided that in the event the petition is granted, the petitioner will convey an easement acceptable to New England Telephone, which will permit retention of it's facilities in existing locations with the right to inspect, maintain, operate and replace the same and with twenty four hour access to said facilities.

If it is decided by the petitioner that telephone facilities are to be relocated, the petitioner will assume all costs of the relocation.

Richard B. Reardon  
Richard B. Reardon  
District Manager-Distribution Service

cc: F. Veto  
H. Falcone

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PROVIDENCE, R.I.  
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**Narragansett Electric**

The Narragansett Electric Company  
280 Melrose Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02901

January 31, 1986

Committee on Public Works  
Honorable City Council  
Providence City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island

Re: Petition to Abandon a Portion of Thornton  
Street from Ophelia Street to Springfield  
Street

Gentlemen:

The Narragansett Electric Company presently has an over-head distribution supply line on said Thornton Street and is an important part of our electric supply system in the area and would be very difficult and costly to relocate.

However, The Narragansett Electric Company will not object to the granting of said petition, provided that in the event that the petition is granted, the petitioner and other adjoining property owner will convey an easement acceptable to The Narragansett Electric Company which will permit the retention of our facilities in existing locations in said Thornton Street, together with the right to inspect, maintain, operate and replace the same.

Very truly yours,

Albert J. Lovegreen  
Senior Field Right of Way Agent



February 3, 1986

Councilman James A. Petrosinelli  
Chairman, Committee on Public Works  
Providence City Council  
City Hall  
Providence, RI 02901

Dear Councilman Petrosinelli:

The Providence Gas Company requests a utility easement on Thornton Street between Ophelia Street and Springfield Street if Thornton Street is abandoned.

We presently have a gas main in Thornton Street which we would not want to lose, and we would want access to our main for maintenance purposes.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

PROVIDENCE GAS COMPANY

Robert C. Barker Jr.  
Manager of Engineering

RCB/jv

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DEPT. OF CITY CLERK  
PROVIDENCE, R.I.

Proposed Abandonment

Thornston Street

from Springfield Street to Ophelia Street

Plot 115  
Lots 347  
Russell R. Vinacco & wif Nancy R.  
44 Ophelia Street, Prov. R.I.

Lot 305  
at 348  
Donald D. Silva & wif Fay  
107 Springfield Street, Prov. R.I.  
William F. O'Brien & wif Mary A. &  
John W.  
50 Ophelia Street, Prov. R.I.

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE

CITY SERGEANT'S OFFICE

**THIS IS TO CERTIFY**, That I have caused the notice, of which a true copy is hereto annexed, to be served upon the following named persons, by handing to each of said persons, or by leaving at their last and usual place of abode in this State a true copy of said notice, to wit: Abandonment of Thornton Street, from Springfield Street, to Ophelia Street.

Plat	Lot	Name	Address
115	347	Russell R. Vinacco	44 Opheila Street Providence, R.I. 02909
"	305	Ronald R. Silva	107 Springfield Street Providence, R.I. 02909
"	348	William F. O'Brien	50 Opheila Street Providence, R.I. 02909

*Ralph P. Guglielmino*

Ralph P. Guglielmino  
City Sergeant

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Councilman Louis R. Stravato

February 25, 1986

Committee on Public Works  
Honorable City Council  
Providence City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island

RE: Petition to Abandon a Portion of  
Thornton Street from Ophelia  
Street to Springfield Street

Gentlemen:

We the petitioners all agree  
to grant an easement acceptable to the  
Narragansett Electric Company, the Providence  
Gas Company and the New England Telephone  
Company which will permit them the right  
to inspect, maintain, operate and replace  
its facilities in existing locations with  
twenty four hour access.

Letters were sent to the New  
England Telephone Company, the Narragansett  
Electric Company and the Providence Gas  
Company stating the above on February  
6, 1986.

Very Truly Yours,  
Mr. Ronald Silva  
Rand R. Vunier  
John W. J. Brien