



CITY OF PROVIDENCE • RHODE ISLAND • Walter H. Reynolds • Mayor

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

JOHN J. CASHMAN
Finance Director

City Hall, Providence 3, R. I.

January 5, 1953

To The Honorable City Council
of the City of Providence

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of
Chapter 832 of the Public Laws of 1940, as amended
by the Providence Finance Act of 1945, I have this
day appointed Francis X. McKinnon of Providence
as City Purchasing Agent of the City of Providence.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Cashman
John J. Cashman
Finance Director

JJC:jc

IN CITY COUNCIL
JAN 5 - 1953

RECORDED:

WHEREBY IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE RECORDED.

Verrett Whelan
CLERK

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

THE CITY OF



PROVIDENCE

I, FRANCIS X. MCKINNON, do

solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Rhode Island and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of

Purchasing Agent

to the best of my ability.

Francis X. McKinnon



I, Walter H. Reynolds, Mayor

do hereby certify that on the 5th day of January, A. D. 1953,

I did administer unto Francis X. McKinnon

duly appointed to the office of

Purchasing Agent

the above subscribed oath.

Walter H. Reynolds



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January 5, 1953

To The Honorable City Council
of the City of Providence

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of
the Providence Finance Act of 1945 as amended by
Chapter 2722 of the Public Laws of 1951, I have
this day appointed Albert A. Gallotta of Providence
as City Assessor of the City of Providence and hereby
request the approval of your honorable body.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Cashman
Finance Director

JJC:jc

IN CITY COUNCIL
JAN 5 - 1953

APPROVED:

CLERK

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

THE CITY OF



PROVIDENCE

I, ALBERT A. GALLOTTA, do

solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Rhode Island and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of

City Assessor

to the best of my ability.

Albert A. Gallotta

or

I, Walter H. Reynolds, Mayor

do hereby certify that on the 5th day of January, A. D. 19 53,

I did administer unto Albert A. Gallotta

duly appointed to the office of

City Assessor

the above subscribed oath.

Walter H. Reynolds



Peter J. Hicks, Jr.
Public Service Engineer

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Office of the Public Service Engineer

City Hall, Providence 3, R. I.

December 22, 1952

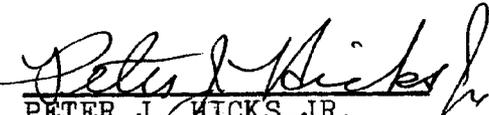
Mr. D. Everett Whelan
City Clerk
City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Whelan:

I enclose herewith the bill of the Narragansett Electric Company for the street lighting of the City of Providence for the month of November, 1952.

The total net amount of the bill is \$34,325.26.

Very truly yours,


PETER J. HICKS, JR.
PUBLIC SERVICE ENGINEER

PJH, JR:tm
Enclosure:

*In city Council
Jan. 5, 1953
Sent to Contrallors
Office Jan. 16, 1953*



CITY OF PROVIDENCE · RHODE ISLAND · Dennis J. Roberts · Mayor

Office of the Recorder of Deeds

Edward M. Flanagan
Recorder of Deeds
Walter A. Lough
Deputy Recorder

City Hall, Providence 3, R. I.

Mayor Walter H. Reynolds
Executive Office
City Hall

Dear Mayor:

I am herewith submitting to you a resume of the departmental work for the past fiscal year, together with an analysis of departmental problems, which result in delay in returning documents submitted for record.

Most attorneys and title examiners are aware of the congested condition that exists in this office.

In previous reports reference has been made to the limited quarters provided for the office of Recorder of Deeds. The problem of space is now so acute, a serious situation confronts the entire working facilities of the office, and unless remedial measures are speedily supplied, the continual impairment of progress and the desired efficiency to the public will be further restricted.

For more than twenty (20) years a hall of records has been proposed, but has been constructed only on blueprints.

This department moved into its present quarters in 1912 with a total of approximately 1100 record books. At present there are approximately 3000 such books.

In the year 1933 the number of transactions totalled 10,399; in the last fiscal year we received for record 20,725 such instruments.

This doubly increased work has been accomplished by four (4) less employees than in 1933. At that time this office employed twenty (20) persons. At present the office staff consists of sixteen persons.

The rapid increase in the volumes of records has brought a corresponding contraction of available office space, forcing a reduction in personnel, and greater reliance upon the photostat in recording.

For the past several years the photostat has been in use ten (10) to fourteen (14) hours daily, reproducing not only the current documents, the various annual, biennial and triennial indices and certified copies of the record, but also certain special work for other departments of the City Government.

The recording process, however, consists of much more than a mere reproduction of the instrument presented for record. During the past year this office used 52,788 index cards for the current indices, besides 25,452 additional entries on the current grantors Brooks Index. In other words, in order to index 20,725 documents received for record, 78,240 entries were made on all indices.

Documents which alter, modify, supplement, amend or discharge other documents require additional thousands of entries on the prior record in order that the later modifications may be readily discovered.

The copy of every document received for record must also be compared with the original. Every document must be paged. Every document must be mailed back at the direction of the person presenting it for record, and the date of mailing and the name and address of the person to whom it is mailed becomes a part of our record.

In the last analysis it must be borne in mind that every document, as soon as it is presented for record, becomes a part of the public record and physical possession of the document itself by the owner thereof adds nothing to the validity of his claim as is evidenced by the record.

Many of the record offices in the larger cities require at present one to two years before a document is returned.

However, of recent date two great strides have been made which ultimately will result in a more desirable office condition.

In September, 1952, a contract was awarded for the microfilming of all of the records of this office, together with a copy thereof of the older and little used records. By this means, it is anticipated that we may be able not only to provide adequate protection for our invaluable records, but also to store a portion of them elsewhere, i.e. certain old real estate records and virtually all personal property records, and thus substitute microfilm for these little used record books.

In this manner, we will be able to multiply our available office space, and increase office efficiency, and if necessary, office personnel.

Another means which we believe will speed up the recording process, is the recent acquisition of a contact print machine which is to be used for all certified copies of our record, as well as the voluminous work which is at present done for other City Departments.

You may be aware that the Probate Court now uses our Photostat machine for at least one hour daily in making copies of wills and other probate proceedings.

I have tried to give you a picture of our problem without going into too much detail, and you may be sure that we are leaving no stone unturned to speed up the recording process, with due consideration for the primary objective - an accurate and authentic record.

Respectfully yours,

Edward M. Flanagan
Recorder of Deeds.

IN CITY COUNCIL

JAN 5 - 1953

RECORDED:

WHITWELL COPY IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE RECORDED.

W. Everett Wheeler
CLERK

POLICE COURT

JUSTICES
HAROLD C. ARCARO
JOSEPH A. MACKEY

CITY OF PROVIDENCE
RHODE ISLAND

CLERK
FRANK J. CONLEY
DEPUTY CLERK
FRANCIS L. PALMER

TO THE HONORABLE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE.

THE UNDERSIGNED, Clerk of Police Court, in conformity with the provisions of the Ordinances of the City of Providence, presents a detailed report of the business of the Police Court, from the First day of January A. D. 1952 to the First day of January A. D. 1953.

As follows, viz:

Whole number of complaints and Warrants issued.....	18981
Whole number of Warrants served.....	15641
Blue Tags.....	66782
Blue Tag Warnings.... (328).....Defective Meters..(3595).....	<u>3923</u>
	105327

OFFENCES CHARGED IN SAID COMPLAINTS

Intoxication.....	2941
Violation of Traffic Ordinances.....	12458
Revelling.....	164
Loads Uncovered.....	26
Health Ordinances.....	9
Building Ordinances.....	20
No License Ordinance.....	6
Smoke Nuisance.....	13
Discharge of Fire-Crackers.....	1
Zoning Ordinance.....	1
Junk License.....	<u>2</u>
	15641

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POLICE COURT

JUSTICES
HAROLD C. ARCARO
JOSEPH A. MACKAY

CITY OF PROVIDENCE
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CLERK
FRANK J. CONLEY
DEPUTY CLERK
FRANCIS L. PALMER

Disposition of Cases Returned to Court

Respondents adjudged guilty.....	14956
not guilty.....	5
Discontinued without costs.....	<u>680</u>
	15641

Final Entry of Cases, Respondents were adjudged guilty

Sentences deferred without costs.....	1269
Respondents Paid, includes cases deferred payment of costs..	12358
Respondent Appealed.....	11
Respondent Discharged.....	<u>2003</u>
	15641

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Amount of Fines Received.....	\$ 102,631.00	
Amount of Costs Received.....	5,299.35	
Paid James M. Gordon, Collector.....	\$ 109,523.95	
Paid James M. Gordon, Collector upon order of Bureau of Licenses for Police Pension Fund.....	1,593.60	
	<u>\$ 107,930.35</u>	<u>\$ 107,930.35</u>

The above stated amount of \$ 1,593.60 was collected by me as fees for members of the Police Department of the City of Providence for services attending court. I have rendered to the Collector and City Controller the Accounts required by law, and have paid to the City Collector the amounts of money therein shown to have been received by me, which aggregate said amount of \$ 107,930.35.

IN CITY COUNCIL
JAN 5 - 1953

READ:
WHEREAS IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE RECEIVED.

D. Everett Whelan
CLERK

Respectfully,

Frank J. Conley
Clerk of Police Court.

December 31, 1952



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TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

DWIGHT T. MYERS

Traffic Engineer

ROGER T. CHANDLER

Assistant Traffic Engineer

147 Fountain Street

Providence 3, R. I.

December 29, 1952

The Honorable City Council
City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island

Gentlemen:

At the request of City Council Resolution #567, dated September 22, 1952, the Traffic Engineering Department has studied the feasibility of the installation of a traffic signal light at the intersection of Plainfield Street, Killingly Street and Lowell Avenue.

Field checks at this location made by our department showed that the traffic volumes were not high enough to support or warrant the installation of traffic signal control at this time; furthermore the accident picture has not been too bad with only nine accidents from the first of January, 1950 to the 30th of June, 1952. However, at this time, some of these accidents may be corrected by measures other than traffic signals; therefore the Traffic Engineering Department has designated that Killingly Street traffic and Lowell Avenue traffic shall stop for Plainfield Street traffic and that Lowell Avenue traffic shall "yield" the right-of-way to traffic on Killingly Street.

Very truly yours,

Dwight T. Myers
Traffic Engineer

EFC/eg

IN CITY COUNCIL

JAN 5 - 1953

RECORDED:

WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE RECORDED.



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TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

DWIGHT T. MYERS

Traffic Engineer

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Assistant Traffic Engineer

147 Fountain Street

Providence 3, R. I.

TR-WO-745
12/22/52

Commissioner John B. Dunn
Department of Public Safety
Police Headquarters
La Salle Square
Providence, Rhode Island

SUBJECT: INTERSECTION CONTROL - PLAINFIELD STREET -
KILLINGLY STREET AND LOWELL AVENUE

Dear Commissioner Dunn:

Due to the increasing number of accidents and the restricted sight distances at the intersection of Plainfield Street, Killingly Street and Lowell Avenue, the following intersectional controls are hereby established:

- (1) STOP SIGN - Killingly Street traffic shall stop for Plainfield Street traffic.
- (2) STOP SIGN - Lowell Avenue traffic shall stop for Plainfield Street traffic.
- (3) YIELD SIGN - Lowell Avenue traffic shall yield the right of way to Killingly Street traffic.

Very truly yours,

Dwight T. Myers
Traffic Engineer

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