

City of Providence
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 248

EFFECTIVE March 26, 2018

WHEREAS, During March 2-3, the City was hit by a storm that featured sustained winds exceeding 30 miles an hour and gusts exceeding 60 miles an hour; and

WHEREAS, The storm caused many trees across the City to break apart and/or to fall; and

WHEREAS, Some of the fallen trees were owned by the City and damaged the roofs of houses; and

WHEREAS, Many of the City-owned trees crashed into overhead wires, interrupting power and communications; and

WHEREAS, Some of the City-owned trees struck the power lines with sufficient force and violence to become severely entangled, resulting in especially challenging remediation and restoration tasks; and

WHEREAS, The removal of City trees entangled in power lines requires coordination between the City and the electric utility that, if not properly formulated and executed, can lead to delays; and

WHEREAS, The storm affected 150,000 of National Grid's customers statewide, overwhelming the utility's total work crew membership of 300; and

WHEREAS, Residents without power had multiple short term needs, including access to a warm living space and ways to communicate; and


WHEREAS, Storms of this magnitude provide multiple opportunities to learn from experience and enhance operations going forward.

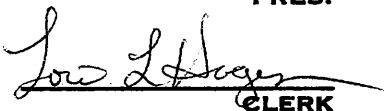
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby requests that the Committee on Public Works to schedule a hearing to review the City's policies and procedures regarding its response to storms that, due to snowfall or wind, create a risk of falling or broken trees, as well as a risk of loss of electric power for City residents.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED


PRES.


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Effective without the
Mayor's Signature


Lon L. Hagen
City Clerk