

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 49

Approved January 22, 1979

WHEREAS, Providence Fire Fighters Local 799, International Association of Fire Fighters AFL-CIO have requested the City Council to undertake an investigation of the condition of fire fighting equipment of the Fire Department, which the fire fighters have informed the City Council are in a deplorable state and dangerous condition, effecting the people of the City as well as the Fire Fighters,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Insurance Services Organization is hereby respectfully requested to evaluate the condition of the Providence Fire Department Apparatus, which is deemed inadequate by said Fire Fighters and ineffective for the purpose intended.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
JAN 18 1979  
READ AND PASSED

*Ralph Laing* PRES.  
*Rose M. Mandore* CLERK

APPROVED

MAYOR

*Vincent A. Cianci, Jr.*  
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FINANCE

Rose M. Mendonca CLERK

THE COMMITTEE ON  
FINANCE

Recommends Be Continued

Rose M. Mendonca  
Clerk

8/29/78  
Nov. 28, 1978

THE COMMITTEE ON  
FINANCE

Approves Passage of  
The Within Resolution

Rose M. Mendonca  
Clerk

January 15, 1979

Councilman Xavier, Councilwoman Brassil and Councilman Flynn

August 30, 1978

Insurance Services Office of Rhode Island  
1420 Hospital Trust Tower  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is copy of Resolution having been referred to the Committee on Finance by the Providence City Council.

I have been directed by Councilwoman Carolyn F. Brassil, Chairwoman of said Committee, to request information from you as to whether or not there will be a charge if the Insurance Services Office is requested to evaluate the condition of the Providence Fire Department Apparatus.

If there is a fee for said evaluation, will you please inform the writer as to the cost.

Very truly yours,

Rose M. Mendonca  
City Clerk

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Enc.



# INSURANCE SERVICES OFFICE OF RHODE ISLAND

ONE HOSPITAL TRUST PLAZA, PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02903

TELEPHONE: (401) 331-9240



MARY W. BRENNAN, MANAGER

September 15, 1978

Ms. Rose M. Mendonca, City Clerk  
Department of City Clerk  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Ms. Mendonca:

CITY OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND  
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Our response to your letter of August 30, 1978 has been delayed since we needed to consult with our Regional Office. Public Protection Grading in Rhode Island is currently a responsibility of our Regional Office.

Our investigation and evaluation of public fire protection facilities is undertaken for insurance ratemaking purposes only. Therefore, we do not undertake "an investigation of the condition of firefighting equipment of the fire department" unless it is part of a complete survey of all fire protection facilities. In addition to the apparatus we would have to investigate the fire department in depth, including a review of records and other factors. Also, we would need to make an in-depth study of the water supply and distribution system of the city, fire safety communications and fire safety control. The latter item includes a review of building laws, electrical codes, special hazards, storage of compressed gasses and flammable liquids.

This study in a city the size of Providence takes a substantial amount of field work and analysis stretching over a period of perhaps months. Completion of the review results in the development of a grading which may affect changes in all fire insurance rates in the city. We do not charge for our analysis and a report is given to the Mayor when completed. However, it would probably be late in 1979 before we could begin such a study because of backlog of other municipalities requiring grading service.

If there is any urgency at all in this request, we would suggest that you turn the project over to a consulting engineering firm which might be in a position to give you a more timely response.

Yours very truly,

*M. W. Brennan*

Mary W. Brennan  
State Manager

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cc: J. Hart-NERO

November 29, 1978

Ms. Mary W. Brennan, State Manager  
Insurance Services Office of Rhode Island  
One Hospital Trust Plaza  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Ms. Brennan:

I am in receipt of your correspondence dated September 15, 1978, which I presented to the Committee on Finance, the Resolution attached, having been referred to it.

The Committee has directed I correspond with you and inform you the City of Providence does request the evaluation of the Fire Departments Apparatus when it is found feasible by your Office to commence.

Very truly yours,

Rose M. Mendonca  
City Clerk

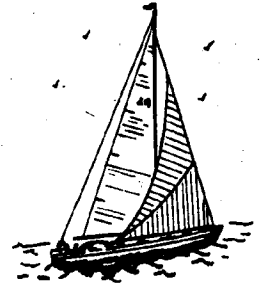
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MARY W. BRENNAN, MANAGER

December 15, 1978

Ms. Rose M. Mendonca, City Clerk  
Department of City Clerk  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Ms. Mendonca:

In response to your letter of November 29, 1978, a survey of the City of Providence will be conducted as soon as possible, considering presently pending applications. Due to the time consumed in the engineering analysis, grading surveys are not made generally more often than a 10 year cycle. You will recall that my previous letter spoke to the substantial amount of field work and analysis required for a survey in a city the size of Providence. Also, that it would probably be late in 1979 before we could begin such a survey.

We will be in further communication with the City of Providence officials prior to the commencement of this survey.

Yours very truly,

Mary W. Brennan  
State Manager

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cc: John Hart

January 26, 1979

Ms. Mary W. Brennan, State Manager  
Insurance Services Office of Rhode Island  
One Hospital Trust Plaza  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Ms. Brennan,

Enclosed is a copy of the Resolution I previously sent a copy of to you when it was before the Committee on Finance of the City of Providence. Said Resolution has now been passed by the City Council and approved by his Honor the Mayor; therefore I am transmitting a certified copy to you at this time.

The Members of the City Council are aware of your communication dated December 15, 1978 in which you inform me that the survey request will probably commence in late 1979.

Very truly yours,

Rose M. Mendonca,  
City Clerk.

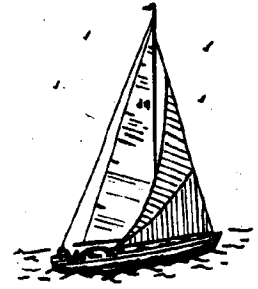
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MARY W. BRENNAN, MANAGER

February 2, 1979

Ms. Rose M. Mendonca, City Clerk  
Department of City Clerk  
City Hall  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Ms. Mendonca:

This will acknowledge your letter of January 26, 1979 with a certified copy of the resolution attached.

As indicated in my previous letter of December 15, 1978, it would probably be late in 1979 before we could begin such a survey; however, we will be in further communication with the City of Providence officials prior to the commencement of this survey.

Yours very truly,

Mary W. Brennan  
State Manager

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cc: John Hart  
Insurance Services Office  
New England Regional