

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 195

Approved March 17, 1975

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CITY OF PROVIDENCE
COMMITTEE ON

RESOLVED, that Hayes Street, in a Westerly Direction, from Francis Street to Park Street, and Brownell Street, in an Easterly Direction, from Park Street to Francis Street, are hereby established as One-Way Streets.

IN CITY COUNCIL
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MAYOR

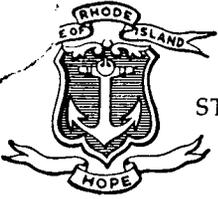
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Department of Natural Resources
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
83 Park Street
Providence, R. I. 02903

December 13, 1974

The Honorable Robert J. Haxton
President of City Council
City Hall
Providence, R. I.

Dear Mr. Haxton:

I am writing to request that two streets in the vicinity of our office in the Veteran's Building, 83 Park Street, be made one-way. Both of the streets in question, Hayes Street to the south and Brownell Street to the north, border our building. I am sure that if you have not personally seen the horrible congestion that exists on these streets that the city police on traffic duty in this area would be able to provide information concurring with this opinion.

There are several reasons for this congestion. First, our own department, which employs several hundred people, uses these streets for short term parking as does the Family Court and related state offices across Hayes Street. To add to this quagmire, there is an overflow of cars parked in this region for the State House and during the school year it becomes intolerable with the influx of students and their cars parked while attending classes at the University of Rhode Island located at the base of Park Street.

I realize that there is currently parking on only one side of these two roads and that the city police do their best to see this enforced, but it is apparently to no avail. The cars still park on both sides, taking their chances on receiving a parking citation. On any given working day, both sides of these streets are lined to the corners with cars whether parking is or is not permitted.

This creates an impossible traffic situation. There is room for only one lane of traffic. The resulting dodging, weaving and backing up in an effort to traverse these streets is not only a nuisance and inconvenience, it is downright hazardous. I have personally come close to a collision on several occasions due to this traffic congestion. It is paramount that something be done before a tragedy occurs.



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I wish to put on the record as strongly urging that these two streets be made one-way. I would suggest converting Hayes Street to one-way in a westerly direction and Brownell Street one-way heading east. Making Brownell one-way east would provide an outlet for traffic heading north on Park Street relieving the already over-crowded Smith and Park Street intersection.

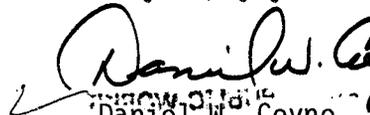
The City of Providence should face the situation squarely. There is nothing that is going to change the parking situation. The number of people doing business in the State Offices, Family Court, and University of Rhode Island create the pressure and demand for this premium space. No amount of ticketing, or even towing, will answer the problem. The city must admit the problem and come to grips in dealing with it in a realistic manner.

I submit that the streets must be made one-way to accomodate the amount of traffic in this area. As I have said, stricter enforcement will not solve the problem. On the contrary, it will only cause more problems with the irate motorists. The answer is to make Hayes and Brownell one-way, allowing for better traffic flow and control and providing enough room for parking on both sides of the street thereby doubling available parking space.

I believe it is obvious. I urge the city to take action towards these ends with all deliberate speed.

I will be glad to speak with anyone you designate on this matter or, even better, I would be pleased to personally show them the situation as it now exists.

Very truly yours, 11021 JOC YTIQ NI


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MAYOR

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
60 ERNEST ST. PROVIDENCE, R. I. 02905 781 - 4044

May 22, 1975

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

Gentlemen:

The Traffic Engineering Department has received the following resolution from your Committee and has taken the subsequent action:

Request: That Hayes Street, in a westerly direction, from Francis Street to Park Street, and Brownell Street, in an easterly direction, from Park Street to Francis Street, are hereby established as one-way streets.

Disposition: This department feels that there are no warrants for the establishment of the proposed one-way pattern.

Very truly yours,

Frank A. Tibaldi
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Traffic Engineer

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