

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 103

Approved March 11, 1978

WHEREAS, sodium vapor lights are relatively new and increasingly popular lights which differ from the conventional mercury vapor lights, and

WHEREAS, sodium vapor lights provide more lights for about half of the energy, and

WHEREAS, a 400-watt sodium vapor lamp provides 50,000 lumens while a 700-watt mercury vapor light provides only 42,000 lumens (That's 116 % more light!), and

WHEREAS, mercury vapor lights give off a bluish white light which produces a bright glare. The sodium vapor light creates a golden white light which lights up the air like daylight, and

WHEREAS, the major reason for their increasing popularity is that they have been known to reduce crime in the areas where they are installed. Washington, D. C. Police Officials credit sodium vapor lights with a 35 % reduction in street crimes such as purse snatchings, muggings, etc.; Plainfield, N. J. Officials say that robberies have dropped 65 % in sodium vapor-lighted areas, and

WHEREAS, sodium vapor lights have also been used at major intersections. They are known to reduce glare, particularly in foggy weather, they also increase the ability to see long distances, and

WHEREAS, Narragansett Electric Company claims they are in favor of sodium vapor lights. In fact, they justify their proposed rate increase of Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000.00) Dollars for street lights only because they are planning to install sodium vapor lights, and

WHEREAS, Narragansett Electric Company has a master plan for the installation of sodium vapor lights throughout the State. They claim to want to install these lights first in business areas, high crime areas and main intersections. The first target areas for these lights are Cranston and Warwick!! and

WHEREAS, the businesses and residents in the Broad Street and Cranston Street areas desire the installation of sodium vapor lights in their areas to combat crime and vandalism,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Narragansett Electric Company is hereby requested to designate the Broad Street and Cranston Street areas as the primary target areas for the installation of sodium vapor lights in order to effectuate a reduction in Street Crime in the aforesaid areas.

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THE COMMITTEE ON
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The Within Resolution

Rose M. Mendonca
Clerk

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