

City of Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 297

EFFECTIVE September 14, 2020

WHEREAS, As part of a \$40 million road improvement bond, the City of Providence repaved the entire length of Admiral Street in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Shortly after the repaving was complete, National Grid obtained permits to conduct certain maintenance and improvement work along Admiral Street; and

WHEREAS, During the maintenance and construction, National Grid cut into the roadway along Admiral Street which resulted in significant damage to the roadway surface and loss of pedestrian crosswalks; and

WHEREAS, National Grid and other utility companies that obtain permits to cut into a roadway surface, has an obligation to repair the roadway to its preconstruction condition from curb to curb; and

WHEREAS, This issue of utility organizations failing to adequately repair roadways following their maintenance and construction work has become such an issue in Rhode Island that the General Assembly was forced to pass the Rhode Island Utility Fair Share Roadway Repair Act in 2019, which mandates the repair from curb to curb of all roadways impacted by utility work in the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Providence hereby requests the Director of Public Works cease issuing National Grid permits to conduct work on Providence streets until the company repairs the damage they have caused to all of Providence's streets including the significant damage seen along Admiral Street.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council requests the General Assembly and the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission to consider legislation and promulgate regulations that would divert revenue derived from any rate increase to capital projects in municipalities where the utility company has failed to repair municipal infrastructure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution will be sent to the Mayor of Providence, the Director of Public Works, the Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives, the President of the Rhode Island Senate, National Grid, and all utility companies who operate within the City of Providence.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED

Sabrin Mateo
PRES.

Shawn Selleck
CLERK *JSM*

**Effective without the
Mayor's Signature**

Shawn Selleck
JSM

**Shawn Selleck
City Clerk**