TOWN OF NORTH SMITHFIELD, RHODE ISLAND

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

NO. 102 DATE August 7, 2017

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF H6204 AN ACT RELATING TO MAINTENANCE OF
TOWN ROADS AND URGING PASSAGE BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
(RESTORATION OF ROADWAYS UTILITY LINES)

WHEREAS, due to the work performed by the utility companies, our local roadways are
continuously being dug up and left in either a state of disrepair for significant periods of time, or
repaired in a substandard, unworkmanship-like manner leaving the Town to contend with
damaged roadways; and

WHEREAS, the poor road conditions left behind adversely impact the public and
residents, creating hazardous driving conditions, increasing the risks of accidents and damage to
personal property; and

WHEREAS, the situation has generated numerous concerns and complaints from local.
residents who turn to the Town to repair the situation left by the utilities on the roadways
imposing an unnecessary and unplanned economic burden on local municipalities; and

WHEREAS, utilities should be required to perform permanent pavement restoration in
accordance with Town Specifications for Utility Company Repairs to City and Town Streets; and

WHEREAS, any altered roadway must be restored to the same or better condition that
existed prior to the alteration, immediately after the completion of the alteration, including
interim measures as needed on an ongoing basis.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Smithfield Town Council urges
the Rhode Island General Assembly to support H6204 and urges passage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy
of the Resolution to all Cities and Towns in Rhode Island seeking their consideration and
support, to the members of the Rhode Island House of Representatives, the members of the
Rhode Island State Senate, and the Governor of Rhode Island.

This resolution shall take effect upon passage.
SPONSORED BY: John Beauregard, President

Passed by the Town Council
on August 1, 2017

Joanne Buttel
Town Clerk (Deputy)

Approved as to form:

David V. Igliozzi, Town Solicitor

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