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The Committee on Finance meets this day in Committee Room "A" at 12:00 o'clock noon.

Present: Councilmen O'Connor, Loughran, Boyle and Lazarus.

Also present are Finance Director Cashman, Budget Officer Moran and Assistant City Controller Duffy.

Also present by invitation are Chief Leo E. Gorman and Captain Thomas J. Fitzgerald of the City of Providence Fire Department Prevention Bureau. (William E. McWilliams, Assistant Clerk).

In the absence of Chairman Laudati, Vice-Chairman O'Connor takes the chair.

VICE-CHAIRMAN O'CONNOR IN THE CHAIR.

Chief Gorman informs the Committee that in accordance with their recent suggestion, he has developed the following information and furnishes each member of the Committee with a copy of the following:

November 21, 1955.

The following is a list showing the amount of petroleum products in bulk form stored in the City of Providence by commercial organizations. This list does not include the storage by industrial plants and public utilities for their own consumption.

NAME	ADDRESS	BARRELS	GALLONS
Richfield Oil Co.	Terminal Road	422,388	17,740,296
Sunoco	Terminal Road	55,590	2,334,780
Texas Oil Co.	Allens Avenue	1,368,614	57,481,788
American Oil Co.	Allens Avenue	197,790	8,307,180
Atlantic Refining Co.	Elmwood Avenue	6,429	270,000
American Mineral Spirits Co.	Allens Ave.	21,155	888,530
Lamson Oil Co.	Allens Avenue	8,966	376,572
Curran & Burton	Allens Avenue	80,000	3,360,000
Sprague Coal Co.	Allens Avenue	150,000	6,300,000
Petroleum Service	Geo. M. Cohan Blvd	1,952	82,000
TOTAL TO DATE ***		<u>2,312,884</u>	<u>97,141,146</u>

Permits have been issued for the following installations which have not been completed as of this date which will increase the final total as shown below.

Sprague Coal Co.	Allens Avenue	610,000	25,620,000
Curran & Burton	Allens Avenue	436,429	18,330,018
FINAL TOTAL WHEN ALL TANKS ARE COMPLETED		<u>3,359,313</u>	<u>141,091,164</u>

At this time the Committee takes up for consideration the schedule suggested by Councilman Lazarus at the meeting of October 17, 1955 which is as follows:

1. Up to 25,000 gallons \$10.00
2. 25,000 to 50,000 gallons 25.00

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3. Transfer of license 5.00
4. Over 50,000 gallons all first and renewal fees the same as first year in Boston.
5. Products stored for own consumption and not for resale - no fees.

With reference to Item No. 1, it is pointed out that storage in bulk of any petroleum products in excess of 21,000 gallons is considered by law, bulk storage.

During a discussion in regard to proposed fees to be charged, Mr. Cashman calls to the attention of the Committee the fact that when considering these fees, the Committee must bear in mind that any fees to be charged must not exceed the cost of administration; otherwise it is considered a tax.

Mr. Cashman by telephone invites Assistant City Solicitor McManus to the meeting for his opinion. Mr. McManus appears and concurs in this opinion.

A length discussion ensues among the Committee in regard to proposed fees to be charged.

Mr. Loughran moves the following schedule be adopted:

1. FOR STRUCTURES WITH A STORAGE CAPACITY OF ONE TO 21,000 GALLONS \$10.00 annually
2. FOR STRUCTURES WITH A STORAGE CAPACITY OF 21,001 TO 50,000 GALLONS 50.00 annually
3. TRANSFER OF LICENSES (EACH) 5.00
4. FOR STRUCTURES WITH A STORAGE CAPACITY OF 50,001 to 100,000 GALLONS 300.00 annually
5. FOR STRUCTURES WITH A STORAGE CAPACITY OF 100,001 to 1,000,000 GALLONS 500.00 annually
6. FOR STRUCTURES WITH A STORAGE CAPACITY OF 1,000,001 to 5,000,000 GALLONS 1,000.00 annually
7. FOR STRUCTURES WITH A STORAGE CAPACITY OF OVER 5,000,000 GALLONS 2,000.00 annually

The motion of Mr. Loughran is not seconded. Mr. Boyle suggests some compromise agreement should be made as to fees to be charged.

Mr. Lazarus moves the following schedule be adopted:

1. FOR STRUCTURES WITH A STORAGE CAPACITY OF ONE TO 21,000 GALLONS \$10.00 annually
2. FOR STRUCTURES WITH A STORAGE CAPACITY OF 21,001 to 50,000 GALLONS 50.00 annually
3. FOR STRUCTURES WITH A STORAGE CAPACITY OF 50,001 to 100,000 GALLONS 150.00 annually
4. FOR STRUCTURES WITH A STORAGE CAPACITY OF 100,001 to 1,000,000 GALLONS 250.00 annually
5. FOR STRUCTURES WITH A STORAGE CAPACITY OF 1,000,001 to 5,000,000 GALLONS 500.00 annually
6. FOR STRUCTURES WITH A STORAGE CAPACITY OF 5,000,001 GALLONS OR OVER 1,000.00 annually

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7. TRANSFER OF LICENSES (EACH) \$5.00  
8. PRODUCTS STORED FOR OWN CONSUMPTION AND NOT FOR RESALE - NO FEES.

On motion of Mr. Lazarus seconded by Mr. Boyle, it is voted that the above schedule, subject to advice of the Law Department, be recommended for adoption.

The following Ordinances in City Council December 1, 1955 -

Read and Passed the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 987 BY ADDING FIFTY THOUSAND (\$50,000) DOLLARS TO THE APPROPRIATION CONTAINED THEREIN FOR PUBLIC WORKS-GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SECTION, ITEM 1.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 21 OF CHAPTER 975, "ESTABLISHING CLASSES OF POSITIONS" FOR THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE AS APPROVED SEPTEMBER 16, 1955.

On motion of Mr. Loughran seconded by Mr. Boyle, it is voted to defer action on the above two Ordinances until the next meeting of the Finance Committee on December 12, 1955 and the Clerk is directed to invite the Commissioner of Public Safety or his representative, to appear at that meeting.

ADJOURNMENT is taken at 1:20 o'clock p. m.

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Assistant Clerk

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Compared E.F.L.