

EASTON

(C) [; and provided further, that no public utility now owned or hereafter acquired by the town] NO MUNICIPALLY OWNED PUBLIC UTILITY shall be sold, leased or in any other manner disposed of, nor (notwithstanding general authority may elsewhere in the Charter be conferred) shall the council contract with or grant a franchise, or other license to, any individual, company, or present or prospective corporation, for the performance of any public service which may now, or likely hereafter be brought in commercial or other competition with any municipal utility now owned by the town or likely to be created, without the previous approval of three-fourths of all registered voters of the town, as evidenced at a special election held for that specific purpose, after due publication of all the details and conditions of the proposition by newspaper advertisement in some newspaper published in the Town of Easton once in each of four successive weeks, the last insertion being at least ten days before the date fixed for such election. THE FOREGOING LIMITATIONS SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED IN ANY WAY TO LIMIT THE AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY INTERESTS IN COMMON WITH ANY PRIVATELY OWNED PUBLIC UTILITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF SECURING AN ENTITLEMENT TO A PORTION OF THE OUTPUT OR PRODUCTION OF THE JOINTLY OR COMMONLY OWNED FACILITIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CUSTOMERS OF ANY OF THE TOWN'S MUNICIPALLY OWNED PUBLIC UTILITIES, OR TO CONTRACT WITH ANY SUCH UTILITY TO PERMIT IT TO OPERATE ANY JOINTLY OR COMMONLY OWNED PLANT OR FACILITIES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the date of adoption of this Resolution is May 20, 1974, and the amendment of the Charter of the Town of Easton hereby enacted shall become effective on July 9, 1974 unless a proper petition for a referendum hereon shall be filed as permitted by law, provided a complete and exact copy of this Resolution shall be continuously posted on the bulletin board of the Town Hall until the expiration of forty (40) days after the date of adoption hereof and provided further that a copy of the title of this Resolution shall be published in one or more newspapers of general circulation in the Town of Easton not less than four (4) times, at weekly intervals, within a period of forty (40) days after the adoption hereof.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor of Easton is hereby specifically enjoined to carry out the provisions of Section 2 hereof and, as evidence of said compliance, the Mayor of Easton shall cause to be affixed to the minutes of this meeting appropriate Certificates of Publication of the newspaper or newspapers in which the title of this Resolution shall