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MEDIA TO HAVE NEW STREET RAILWAY LINE – Borough Council Grants Company Right to Use State Street – Work To Begin Soon

The extension of the Philadelphia & Garrettford Street Railway Company's lines to Media will be begun at an early date, and the finest service in this section of the country will be established, according to a declaration made by A. Merritt Taylor, president of the company, following the passage of an ordinance by Media Borough Council granting the company the use of State Street. The trolley company will precede at once with its plans for the building of the road and no delays which can be avoided will be allowed. Arrangements were made to institute condemnation proceedings against several properties on the route.

A conference was held prior to the meeting of Councils last night between A. Merritt Taylor and his attorney, F.B. Rhodes and Borough Solicitor George E. Darlington, after which the ordinance was presented for second reading, and then unanimously adopted. After adjournment Burgess Engle, President Worrell and Clerk Minton attached their signatures to the ordinance.

The ordinance gives the trolley company the right to run in the borough on State Street from Providence Road to a point 100 feet west of Orange Street on a single track, returning by the same route, if the company shall not proceed to construct the road in due time unless delayed by legal interference, the right will be forfeited. No construction in the borough is to be commenced until the company obtains the right to build as far as the borough line. Octagonal wooden poles are to be used as far as Monroe Street, and west of that street iron poles are to be used. The company is granted the right to maintain feed and telephone wires to the poles. No wires are to be at an altitude of less than 13 feet. The company is also to construct and maintain vitrified brick paving from curb to curb west of Orange Street and between the rails and two feet on each side from Orange to Plum Street. East of Plum Street the company is to construct and maintain a macadam roadway. Cars must not be run in the borough at a speed of over 13 miles per hour, and each car is to be numbered on the outside. The company shall not remove its tracks except for renewal or repairs without the consent of Council. A penalty of \$10 is provided for any violation of a provision of the ordinance, with a penalty of \$2.50 for each day the violation continues after due notice is given. If the company fails to run its cars for one year consecutively, it forfeits its rights and Council in such case reverses the right to remove the rails. The company shall keep the crossings in good repair and maintain the grades so as to carry off the surface drainage.

The company is relieved of all limitations imposed by any general ordinance. The ordinance is binding on the company, its successors and assigns.

President Taylor declared that Media would be furnished with the best service of any community in this part of the United States. The cars will be seven feet longer than those in use on the present lines. He explained the groove rails as being the most satisfactory for use in the borough, as they make less of an obstruction than the girder rails, and said the company was giving about \$12,000 in municipal improvements. "Luxurious" is the term he applied to the service which he says Media will secure.