

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
TOWN OF BRISTOL
RESOLUTION
NO. 2024-5-29-FF1

RESOLUTION TO THE HONORABLE RI GENERAL
ASSEMBLY IN OPPOSITION TO H 7983

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF BRISTOL AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS: H 7983 was introduced into the General Assembly on March 5, 2024, by Representatives Cruz, Potter, Diaz, Kislak, Kazarian, Giraldo, and Slater; and

WHEREAS: This Act would create an Office of the State Building Commissioner; and

WHEREAS: This Act confers upon a State Building Commissioner the duty to enforce all laws of this State, including but not limited to “[C]onducting and supervising building code inspections of all residential and commercial buildings regulated by the code within the state” and “[S]tandardized building code interpretation”; and

WHEREAS: This Act will expropriate local oversight of building code matters from towns and cities; and

WHEREAS: Each city and town are unique and has its own intricacies; and

WHEREAS: Assigning control over local building decisions will lead to a loss of the unique character of each city and town in Rhode Island.

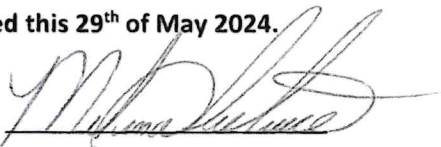
NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED:

SECTION 1: That the Town Council of the Town of Bristol officially expresses its opposition to H 7983 and respectfully requests that the Honorable General Assembly not enact H 7983;

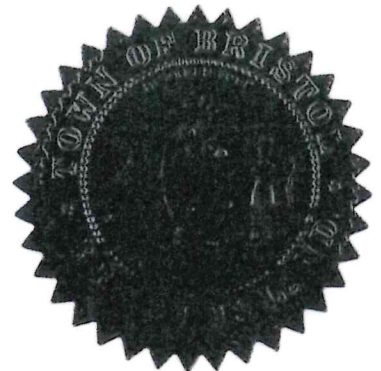
SECTION 2: That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage by the Bristol Town Council.

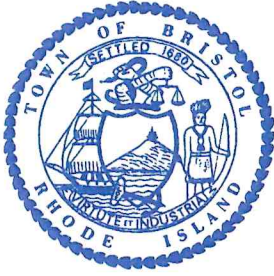
Adopted this 29th of May 2024.

Attest:



Melissa Cordeiro, Council Clerk





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Dear Honorable Members of the General Assembly,

Attached to this email, please find the resolution passed by the Bristol Town Council in strong opposition to House Bill 7983, which was introduced in the last session. Although the session has closed, it is important to note that 4 out of 5 council members voted strongly against the creation of an Office of State Building Commissioner to enforce local code inspections.

The council members believe that local code inspections should remain under the jurisdiction of local authorities, who are better positioned to understand and address the specific needs and circumstances of their communities.

We respectfully request that you take this resolution into consideration should House Bill 7983 or any similar legislation be introduced in the next session.

Your consideration of this matter and action on behalf of the Town of Bristol is, as always, greatly appreciated.

Best regards,

Melissa Cordeiro / Town Clerk
Town of Bristol, Rhode Island