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# Town of Hopkinton

HOPKINTON, RHODE ISLAND 02833

## TOWN OF HOPKINTON, RI RESOLUTION OPPOSING H 7683, S 2361 and S 2372 LEGISLATION RELATING TO TAXATION – REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCE TAX

**WHEREAS,** The Hopkinton Town Council joins other municipalities in their concern relative to House Bill 2024 – H 7681 and Senate Bills S 2361 and S 2372, acts which require municipalities to charge additional real estate conveyance tax regarding the purchase of residential properties; and

**WHEREAS,** H 7683 requires that if a single-family residential property is sold to any entity that is not an individual and said entity has in excess of \$15,000,000 in assets, a tax rate of \$6.90 for each \$500 of consideration that is paid for the purchase shall be assessed, over and above the \$4.60 per \$1,000 with additional \$4.60 per \$1,000 for any amount over \$800,000. These taxes shall be contributed to the Housing Production Fund; and

**WHEREAS,** S 2361 allows for towns to charge an additional real estate conveyance tax of not more than \$10.00 for each \$500 in excess of \$800,000 that is paid for the purchase of residential property. The municipality shall retain the tax collected and deposit it into a restricted account that shall be allocated and spent only for the creation and development of affordable housing within the municipality. The municipality shall maintain a local affordable housing board to oversee the funds in the restricted account and shall allocate the funds within two years or the municipality may elect to transfer tax collections promptly upon receipt or within the two-year period after receipt of the housing resources commission, the RI department of housing or RI Housing for the purpose of developing affordable housing within that community; and

**WHEREAS,** S 2372 proposes to add a tax of \$6.60 per \$1000 on any residential property sold for more than \$2,000,000. This tax shall go to the tax administrator and be for affordable housing for the elderly to be implemented and administered by Rhode Island Housing; and

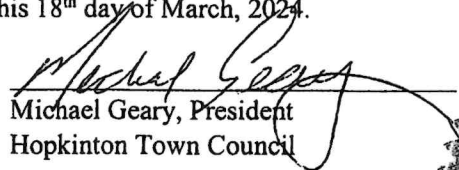
**WHEREAS,** all of these bills would create an undue burden on the Town.

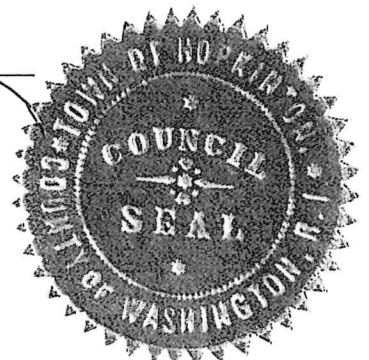
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Town Council of the Town of Hopkinton respectfully requests our legislators oppose passage of this bill.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island General Assembly and the City and Town Councils of Rhode Island's other municipalities.

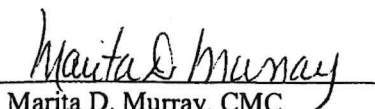
The **RESOLUTION** shall take effect upon passage.

Passed as a resolution of the Hopkinton Town Council this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

  
Michael Geary, President  
Hopkinton Town Council



ATTEST:

  
Marita D. Murray, CMC  
Town Clerk