

**TOWN OF RICHMOND, RHODE ISLAND  
TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION # 2022- 5  
OPPOSING PASSAGE OF 2022--H7370**

WHEREAS, sale of malt beverages and wine in grocery stores, markets, and convenience stores currently is prohibited, and

WHEREAS, 2022-H7370, an Act Relating to Alcoholic Beverages, would permit sale of malt beverages and wine in grocery stores, markets, and convenience stores; and

WHEREAS, Richmond, because of its population of 8,020, currently issues Class A alcoholic beverage licenses to only two package stores; and

WHEREAS, allowing sales of malt beverages and wine in grocery stores, markets, and convenience stores is likely to substantially affect the economic viability of the Town's two package stores, both of which are small businesses owned by local residents; and

WHEREAS, increasing the number of locations at which alcoholic beverages are sold at retail is likely to make it substantially more difficult for Richmond's 14-member police department to enforce the law prohibiting sales of alcoholic beverages to underage persons; and

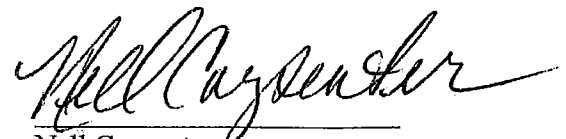
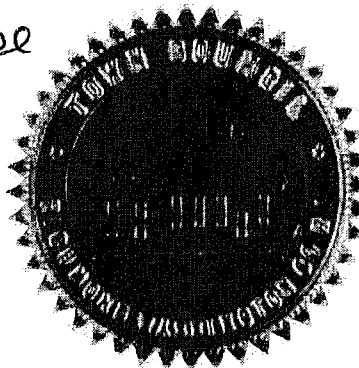

WHEREAS, sales taxes on malt beverages and excise taxes on malt beverages and wine accrue to the State of Rhode Island, not to the cities and towns; and

WHEREAS, sale of alcoholic beverages at additional locations is likely to increase revenue to the State of Rhode Island in the form of sales and excise taxes while providing no economic benefit to Richmond;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Richmond Town Council hereby opposes passage of 2022-H7370 and urges the General Assembly not to enact it.

GIVEN UNDER THE SEAL OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND THIS 3<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2022

ATTEST:  
Erin F. Liese, CMC  
Town Clerk



Nell Carpenter  
Town Council President

