

**TOWN OF PORTSMOUTH  
RESOLUTION #2026-02-25 C**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF RHODE ISLAND HOUSE BILL H7224  
(2026 – AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES – AWARD OF  
MUNICIPAL CONTRACTS)**

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island General Assembly has introduced House Bill H7224 during the 2026 legislative session, entitled “An Act Relating to Towns and Cities – Award of Municipal Contracts,” which proposes amendments to statutory small purchase limits applicable to municipal procurement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to current law, municipalities are limited to a maximum small purchase threshold of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for construction-related projects and five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for all other municipal purchases; and

WHEREAS, House Bill H7224 would increase such thresholds to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for construction projects and ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for non-construction municipal purchases; and

WHEREAS, adjustment of these thresholds reflects contemporary market costs and inflationary conditions and would better align statutory limits with present-day municipal purchasing realities; and

WHEREAS, increasing the small purchase limits would reduce administrative burdens, promote operational efficiency, expedite procurement processes, and allow municipalities to respond more effectively to public needs while maintaining appropriate internal controls and fiscal oversight; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that statutory modifications that enhance local government efficiency and flexibility, while preserving transparency and accountability, are in the best interests of the residents of the Town;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Portsmouth hereby expresses its support for House Bill H7224 (2026) and respectfully urges the Rhode Island General Assembly to enact said legislation; and

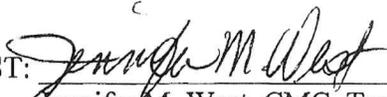
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be made a part of the permanent records of the Town and shall be transmitted to the Town’s members of the Rhode Island General Assembly, the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns, and to all Rhode Island city and town councils.

WITNESS our hands and seal this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.



Keith E. Hamilton  
Portsmouth Town Council President

ATTEST:



Jennifer M. West, CMC, Town Clerk