

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF TIVERTON

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF H-7123, H-7124, H-7125, H-7294, H-7296, AND H-7297 RELATING TO LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING, COMPREHENSIVE PERMITS, PARKING, AND DEVELOPMENT TIMELINES IN TIVERTON

RESOLUTION 2026-0003

WHEREAS, House Bill 2026-H-7123 has been introduced in the General Assembly to require the Rhode Island Housing Authority to verify and document the count of affordable housing stock in the Town of Tiverton twice per year; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 2026-H-7124 has been introduced in the General Assembly to authorize the Town of Tiverton to enact an emergency moratorium on new comprehensive permit applications if five hundred (500) or more housing units are proposed, with applications submitted during the moratorium receiving no grandfathered status; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 2026-H-7125 has been introduced in the General Assembly to require that when Tiverton has less than ten percent (10%) affordable housing, at least fifty percent (50%) of units in any new development must be affordable until the town reaches full compliance with state requirements; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 2026-H-7294 has been introduced in the General Assembly to amend comprehensive housing permit procedures specifically for Tiverton, including a provision that accessory dwelling units cannot be included as part of comprehensive permit projects in the town; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 2026-H-7296 has been introduced in the General Assembly to allow Tiverton to require two (2) parking spaces per low- or moderate-income housing unit (studio, one-bedroom, or two-bedroom) when the municipality determines there is limited public transportation or off-street parking available nearby; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 2026-H-7297 has been introduced in the General Assembly to establish timelines for development approval in Tiverton—one (1) year from preliminary to final approval and two (2) years from final approval to building permit, with approvals becoming void if no permit is requested within two (2) years, and units added to the housing inventory upon permit request; and

WHEREAS, each of the foregoing bills is specifically designed to address issues unique to the Town of Tiverton, with a focus on managing affordable housing development, monitoring and progressing the Town towards the state mandated goal that 10% of its housing stock be affordable, allowing an emergency moratorium to manage strain on infrastructure, providing appropriate parking standards, and establishing predictable development timelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Tiverton does hereby support House Bills H-7123, H-7124, H-7125, H-7294, H-7296, H-7297, and the appropriate R.I. Senate companions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk transmit forthwith a copy of this Resolution to the Governor and to the members of Tiverton's legislative delegation in the Rhode Island General Assembly.

This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

Passed as a Resolution of the Tiverton Town Council this 9th of February, 2026

ATTEST: Joan Chabot Town Clerk

INTRODUCED BY: Council President John Edwards V