

## RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LINCOLN

### RESOLUTION RELATED TO LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING

#### RESOLUTION 2026-2

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Lincoln recognizes the need for more low and moderate income housing in town; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lincoln Planning Department currently has (1) one comprehensive permit applications pending and other plans in various stages, totaling approximately 250 units and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Lincoln anticipates that multiple comprehensive permit applications, if approved in close succession, may have significant financial and environmental impacts to the Town, including impacts to public safety, schools, infrastructure, and municipal services; and

**WHEREAS**, these five comprehensive permit projects will increase the Town's total residential units by more than 25 including a mixture of apartment style, residential, and manufactured homes and residences, and

**WHEREAS**, only a small percentage of said units will be considered affordable, and

**WHEREAS**, any additional comprehensive permit projects beyond those currently in the pipeline will have devastating effects on the Town's rural character, provision of public safety and other services, environment, and budget; and

**WHEREAS**, recent changes to the Rhode Island Low and Moderate Income Housing Act have significantly constrained municipal authority on comprehensive permit applications, and the required findings for such applications give less discretion to local review boards than they have for conventional development applications;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of Lincoln respectfully requests the Rhode Island General Assembly and the Governor reinstate "Required findings for denial" in the Low and Moderate Income Housing Act, at Title 45, Chapter 53, Section 4 of the Rhode Island General Laws, and to enact a law providing that for purposes of calculating a municipality's progress toward the 10% affordable housing goal, affordable units shall be counted at the issuance of a building permit.

That this resolution be forwarded to the Town of Lincoln's legislative delegation, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Lincoln Town Council respectfully requests the respective City and Town Councils of Rhode Island join in this request to have the General Assembly enact legislation to restore "Required findings for denial" and to count affordable units when a building permit is issued.

Date Adopted: March 17, 2026

A True Copy, ATTEST:



Lillian Frye, Town Clerk