



**Town of Richmond, Rhode Island
RESOLUTION #2026-6**

Richmond Town Council 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 in the 2026 session, titled “An Act Relating to Towns and Cities – Award of Municipal Contracts,” proposing to amend the statutory small purchase limits applicable to municipal procurement; and

WHEREAS, under the current law, municipalities are limited to a maximum small purchase threshold of \$10,000 for construction-related projects and \$5,000 for all other municipal purchases; and

WHEREAS, House Bill H7224 would increase these thresholds to \$25,000 for construction projects and \$10,000 for non-construction municipal purchases, thereby aligning the procurement thresholds more appropriately with current costs and inflationary pressures; and

WHEREAS, increasing these thresholds will help to reduce administrative burdens, expedite local government purchasing processes, improve cost-efficiency, and allow for more rapid response to municipal needs while still maintaining appropriate checks and balances; and

WHEREAS, many Rhode Island towns, including the Town of Richmond, face unique operational challenges relating to procurement due to their size and geographic constraints, and would benefit from a more flexible purchasing framework; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond Town Council finds that supporting responsible statutory adjustments that strengthen local government efficiency and operational effectiveness is in the best interest of its residents.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Richmond hereby expresses its **support** for House Bill H7224 (2026), encouraging the Rhode Island General Assembly to enact this legislation as introduced; and

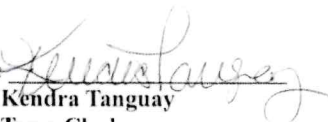
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be made part of the permanent record of the Town and the resolution be forwarded to the State Senator and Representative of the Town, the League of Cities and Towns, and all City and Town Councils in Rhode Island.

A motion was made by Councilor Madnick, seconded by Councilor Dinsmore to Support a Resolution of House Bill 7224 – An Act Relating to Towns and Cities – Award of Municipal Contracts. Vote: Councilor Dinsmore, Aye; Councilor Madnick, Aye; Vice President Reynolds, Abstain; President Wilcox, Aye.

**GIVEN UNDER THE SEAL OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND
THIS 3rd DAY OF MARCH 2026.**




Samantha Wilcox
Richmond Town Council President

ATTEST: 
Kendra Tanguay
Town Clerk