



Town of Bristol, Rhode Island

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TO: Town Council

FROM: Diane M. Williamson, Director/Administrative Officer

RE: **Change of zone Plat 29, Lot 54 – request to change from R6 to Urban Rehab LDP**

The Planning Board reviewed the above application at their special meeting of August 7, 2025.

Following review of the application, a motion was unanimously passed to recommend to the Town Council that the zone change be approved. The Board made the following findings in support of the zone change:

The change of zone is consistent with the General Purposes of Zoning as follows:

1. It promotes public health, safety, and the general welfare;
2. It provides a range of uses and intensities of uses appropriate to the character of the town and that reflects current and expected future needs; and,
3. It provides for the orderly growth and development which recognizes promotion of sustainable development, including the redevelopment of existing structures and facilities in preference to new development.

The change of zone is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan as follows:

1. Economic Development Action Item ED-C14 – Continue to monitor properties in the Franklin Street Corridor Redevelopment Plan, including the Bristol Industrial Park (Note: this was the former name of Unity Park), to continue implementation of the plan and move forward with redevelopment.
2. Land Use Action Item LU11 (p) Continue to encourage Bristol Industrial Park development and support its economic growth in a manner consistent with the economic interests of the Town and the character of its neighborhood.

Thank you.