

**TOWN OF PORTSMOUTH, RI
RESOLUTION # 2025-02-24**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF PORTSMOUTH REGARDING THE
RESTORATION OF GENERAL REVENUE SHARING TO CITIES AND TOWNS**

WHEREAS, Cities and Town across Rhode Island have been struggling with the recent inflationary environment; and

WHEREAS, in 2009 the General Assembly discontinued revenue sharing due to the economic collapse; and

WHEREAS, the removal of the General Revenue sharing forced the Cities and Towns to increase property taxes to make up for this loss in revenue; and

WHEREAS, the State of Rhode has seen a very good rebound from the economic crisis brought on by the COVID Pandemic; and

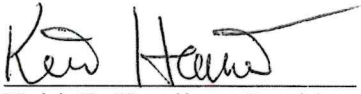
WHEREAS, the past 3 fiscal years the State of Rhode Island has benefitted from the economic rebound with \$417 and \$878 million respectively and a \$410 million surplus for FY 2023 and estimated \$98 million for FY24; and

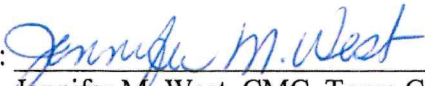
WHEREAS, the car tax phase payments benefited our citizens in the short term, they did not provide Cities and Towns with an escalator to make up for lost revenue and inflation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council respectfully requests the Rhode Island General Assembly and Governor reinstate General Revenue Sharing for all 39 Cities and Towns to help reduce the impact of inflation of the citizens of Rhode Island.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council respectfully requests the respective City and Town Councils of Rhode Island join in our request to have the General Assembly restore general revenue in the upcoming FY 2025 budget.

Adopted this 24th day of February 2025.


Keith E. Hamilton, President
Portsmouth Town Council

ATTEST: 
Jennifer M. West, CMC, Town Clerk

Resolution no. 2025-16

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN
REGARDING THE RESTORATION OF GENERAL REVENUE
SHARING TO CITIES AND TOWNS**

WHEREAS: Cities and towns across Rhode Island have been struggling with the recent inflationary environment, and

WHEREAS: In 2009, the General Assembly discontinued revenue sharing due to the economic collapse, and

WHEREAS: The removal of the General Revenue sharing forced the Cities and Towns to increase property taxes to make up for the loss in revenue, and

WHEREAS: The State of Rhode Island has seen a very good rebound from the economic crisis brought on by the COVID Pandemic, and

WHEREAS: The past 3 fiscal years the State of Rhode Island has benefitted from the economic rebound with \$417 and \$878 million respectively and a \$410 million surplus for FY 2023 an estimated \$98 million for FY24, and

WHEREAS: The car tax phase payments benefited our citizens in the short term, they did not provide Cities and Towns with an escalator to make up for lost revenue and inflation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED: That the Town Council of the Town of Middletown respectfully requests the Rhode Island General Assembly and Governor reinstate General Revenue Sharing for all 39 Cities and Towns to help reduce the impact of inflation on the citizens of Rhode Island.

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: That the Town Council of the Town of Middletown respectfully requests the respective City and Town Councils of Rhode Island to join in our request to have the General Assembly restore general revenue in the upcoming FY 2025 budget.

March 17, 2025

READ AND PASSED IN COUNCIL


Wendy J.W. Marshall, MMC
Town Clerk

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF WESTERLY REGARDING THE
RESTORATION OF GENERAL REVENUE SHARING TO CITIES AND TOWNS

WHEREAS, Cities and Town across Rhode Island have been struggling with the recent inflationary environment; and

WHEREAS, in 2009 the General Assembly discontinued revenue sharing due to the economic collapse; and

WHEREAS, the removal of the General Revenue sharing forced the Cities and Towns to increase property taxes to make up for this loss in revenue; and

WHEREAS, the State of Rhode has seen a very good rebound from the economic crisis brought on by the COVID Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, in the past three fiscal years the State of Rhode Island has benefitted from the economic rebound with \$417 and \$878 million respectively and a \$410 million surplus for FY 2023 and estimated \$98 million for FY24; and

WHEREAS, the car tax phase payments benefitted our citizens in the short term, they did not provide Cities and Towns with an escalator to make up for lost revenue and inflation; now therefore, be it hereby

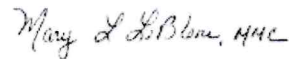
RESOLVED: That the Westerly Town Council respectfully requests the Rhode Island General Assembly and Governor reinstate General Revenue Sharing for all 39 Cities and Towns to help reduce the impact of inflation of the citizens of Rhode Island; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Westerly Town Council respectfully requests the respective City and Town Councils of Rhode Island join in our request to have the General Assembly restore general revenue in the upcoming FY 2025 budget.

ADOPTED: March 17, 2025

A true copy dated: March 18, 2025

ATTEST:



Mary L. LeBlanc, MMC
Council Clerk



Town of Narragansett

Rhode Island

Resolution No. 2025-03



A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF NARRAGANSETT REGARDING THE RESTORATION OF GENERAL REVENUE SHARING TO CITIES AND TOWNS

WHEREAS, Cities and Town across Rhode Island have been struggling with the recent inflationary environment; and

WHEREAS, in 2009 the General Assembly discontinued revenue sharing due to the economic collapse; and

WHEREAS, the removal of the General Revenue sharing forced the Cities and Towns to increase property taxes to make up for this loss in revenue; and

WHEREAS, the State of Rhode has seen a very good rebound from the economic crisis brought on by the COVID Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the past 3 fiscal years the State of Rhode Island has benefitted from the economic rebound with \$417 and \$878 million respectively and a \$410 million surplus for FY 2023 and estimated \$98 million for FY24; and

WHEREAS, the car tax phase payments benefited our citizens in the short term, they did not provide Cities and Towns with an escalator to make up for lost revenue and inflation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council respectfully requests the Rhode Island General Assembly and Governor reinstate General Revenue Sharing for all 39 Cities and Towns to help reduce the impact of inflation of the citizens of Rhode Island.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council respectfully requests the respective City and Town Councils of Rhode Island join in our request to have the General Assembly restore general revenue in the upcoming FY 2025 budget.

Adopted this 17th day of March 2025.

TOWN OF NARRAGANSETT

Alexander T. Menzies

Alexander T. Menzies, President
Narragansett Town Council

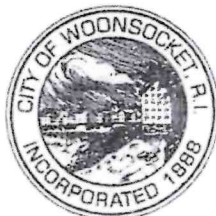
ATTEST:

Sarah Masson

Sarah Masson
Town Clerk



City of Woonsocket Rhode Island



March 17, A.D. 2025

Resolution

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE RHODE ISLAND GOVERNOR AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO RESTORE GENERAL REVENUE SHARING TO RHODE ISLAND CITIES AND TOWNS

- WHEREAS,** All thirty-nine (39) Cities and Towns across Rhode Island have been struggling with the recent inflationary environment; and,
- WHEREAS,** in the FY2010 budget, the Rhode Island Governor and General Assembly eliminated General Revenue Sharing due to declining state revenues from the collapsing state and national economy; and,
- WHEREAS,** the removal of the General Revenue Sharing forced many Cities and Towns to increase property taxes to make up for this loss in revenue; and,
- WHEREAS,** property taxes currently represent approximately two-thirds (2/3) of revenue for municipal budgets statewide, and Rhode Island has the eighth highest property tax burden in the nation; and,
- WHEREAS,** the State of Rhode Island has seen a very good rebound from the economic crisis brought on by the COVID-19 Pandemic; and,
- WHEREAS,** in the past three (3) years the State of Rhode Island has benefitted from an economic rebound and finished their fiscal year budgets with significant surpluses; and,

WHEREAS, Rhode Island's municipalities are an important piece of Rhode Island's economic success and need additional revenue from the State of Rhode Island in order to alleviate the property tax burden on its residents.

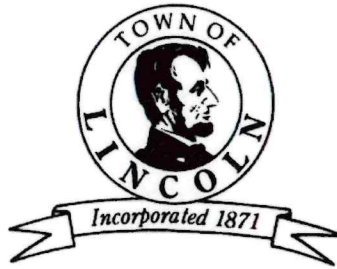
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1.** The Woonsocket City Council and the City Administration respectfully requests the Rhode Island General Assembly and the Governor to reinstate General Revenue Sharing for all thirty-nine (39) Cities and Towns to help reduce the impact of inflation and help minimize the property tax burden on its residents.
- Section 2.** That the City Clerk is hereby directed to forward an electronic copy of this Resolution to all Representatives and Senators representing the City of Woonsocket, the Honorable Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives, the Honorable President of the Rhode Island Senate, and the Honorable Governor of the State of Rhode Island.
- Section 3.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage by the City Council.



Daniel M. Gendron
City Council President
By Request of the Administration

IN CITY COUNCIL March 17, 2025 – Read by title and passed unanimously.



**TOWN OF LINCOLN, RI
RESOLUTION 2025-5**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LINCOLN REGARDING THE RESTORATION OF
GENERAL REVENUE SHARING TO CITIES AND TOWNS**

WHEREAS, Cities and Towns across Rhode Island have been struggling with the recent inflationary environment; and

WHEREAS, in 2009 the General Assembly of Rhode Island discontinued revenue sharing due to the economic collapse; and

WHEREAS, the removal of the General Revenue sharing forced the Cities and Towns to increase property taxes to make up for this loss in revenue; and

WHEREAS, the State of Rhode Island has seen a very good rebound from the economic crisis brought on by the COVIF-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the past 3 fiscal years the State of Rhode Island has benefitted from the economic rebound with \$417 million, \$878 million respectively and a \$410 million surplus for FY 2023 and estimated \$98 million for FY 2024; and

Whereas, while the car tax phase out payments benefited our citizens in the short term, they did not provide Cities and Towns with an escalator to make up for lost revenue and inflation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of Lincoln RI respectfully requests the Rhode Island General Assembly and the Governor to reinstate General Revenue Sharing for all 39 Cities and Towns to help reduce the impact of inflation on the citizens of Rhode Island, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council of Lincoln respectfully requests the respective City and Town Councils of Rhode Island to join in our request to have the General Assembly restore General Revenue Sharing in the upcoming FY 2025 budget.

Date Adopted: March 18, 2025

A True Copy, ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lillian Silva". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lillian Silva, Town Clerk