

State of Rhode Island  
Town of Bristol



RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF BRISTOL  
IN SUPPORT OF RHODE ISLAND LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS  
2025 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES  
RESOLUTION 2025-3-26-F1

**WHEREAS**, all 39 cities and towns are members of the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns; and  
**WHEREAS**, the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns serves as a convener and advocates to the Governor and General Assembly to support the needs of municipalities throughout the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns believes in:

- Supporting robust local government funding through municipal aid programs, education aid and grants.
- Increasing opportunities, through various methods, to raise local revenues.
- Fully funded policy proposals and programs, particularly related to workforce management and personnel costs.
- Adopting policies that support 39 distinct communities, avoiding one-size-fits-all solutions, especially regarding land use, business licensing and other important policy areas.
- Maintaining local control and decision-making reflects community needs, including land use, business operations, licensing, etc.
- Supporting greater flexibility for local governments to innovate, improve efficiency and save tax dollars.

**WHEREAS**, the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns surveyed all 39 members to develop legislative priorities for the 2025 session of the Rhode Island General Assembly; and

**WHEREAS**, stable local and education aid from the state will ensure that cities and towns can maintain municipal operations while investing one-time funds toward necessary capital improvements and economic recovery; and

**WHEREAS**, property taxes represent approximately two-thirds of revenue for municipal budgets statewide, and Rhode Island has the eighth-highest property tax burden in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, any reduction in state funding would exacerbate a dependence on property taxes, ultimately leading to service reductions, layoffs, and property tax increases; and

**WHEREAS**, Rhode Island's municipalities are an important piece of Rhode Island's economic success.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Council of the Town of Portsmouth supports the priorities identified by the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns on behalf of the 39 cities and towns in Rhode Island.

Passed as a resolution of the Portsmouth Town Council this \_\_\_ day of March 2025.

*Witness this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025*

BRISTOL TOWN COUNCIL

Attest: Melissa Cordeiro, Town Clerk

Nathan T. Calouro, Chairman

Mary A. Parella, Vice-Chairman

Antonio A. Teixeira, Councilman

Tim Sweeney, Councilman

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