TOWN OF FOSTER RHODE ISLAND

RESOLUTION 2023-01

RESOLUTION OF THE FOSTER TOWN COUNCIL URGING REJECTION OF CHANGES TO THE RHODE ISLAND ENABLING ACT AS PROPOSED BY THE RHODE ISLAND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES LAND USE COMMISION DATED NOVEMBER 10, 2022

WHEREAS, the Town of Foster is a home-rule community having a Town Council empowered by the State Constitution, the Town Charter and by R.I.G.L. 45-2-1 and 45-5-2 to manage its affairs and the interests of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island House of Representatives' Land Use Commission, Housing Working Land Group by communication dated November 10, 2022 has recommended several alleged legislative "solutions" to address housing shortage and development issues on a statewide basis, (attached hereto as Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, after due and careful review thereof the Town of Foster Town Council has determined to oppose the suggested "solutions" and legislative amendments as proposed by the Land Use Commission, Housing Working Group for, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council believes that the housing and development issues identified by the Land Use Commission can be best addressed and resolved by individual municipalities

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED as follows:

The Town Council urges The Honorable Speaker of the House and The Honorable General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island to reject the legislative amendments and suggested "solutions" recommended by the Land Use Commission, Housing Working Group as state in Exhibit A; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to each of the Town and City Councils of the other thirty-eight (38) municipalities of the State of Rhode Island urging their similar support of this Resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the following for their similar support and due consideration:

- The Honorable Daniel McKee, Governor, State of Rhode Island;
- The Honorable Joseph H. Shekarchi, Speaker of the House, State of Rhode Island;
- The Honorable Thomas Deller, Chairman, Land Use Commission;
- The Honorable Dominick Ruggiero, President, Rhode Island Senate;
- The Honorable Ernest Almonte, Executive Director, Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns;
- The Honorable State Senator Gordon Rogers;
- The Honorable State Representative Michael Chippendale;
- The Cities and Town Councils, State of Rhode Island.

Approved by vote the Foster Town Council on this 26th day of January 2023.

WHERETO the following bear witness:

Signed:

Foster Town Council

Susan M. Dillon Town Clerk

Denise L. DiFranco President

TOWN COUNCIL