

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF TIVERTON

RESOLUTION RELATED TO LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING

RESOLUTION 2026-0001

WHEREAS, the Town of Tiverton recognizes the need for more low and moderate income housing in town; and

WHEREAS, the Tiverton Planning Department currently has (5) five comprehensive permit applications pending and other plans in various stages, totaling approximately 1003 units and

WHEREAS, the Town of Tiverton anticipates that multiple comprehensive permit applications, if approved in close succession, may have significant financial and environmental impacts to the Town, including impacts to public safety, schools, infrastructure, and municipal services; and

WHEREAS, these five comprehensive permit projects will increase the Town's total residential units by more than 600 including a mixture of apartment style, residential, and manufactured homes and residences, and

WHEREAS, only a small percentage of said units will be considered affordable, and

WHEREAS, any additional comprehensive permit projects beyond those currently in the pipeline will have devastating effects on the Town's rural character, provision of public safety and other services, environment, and budget; and

WHEREAS, recent changes to the Rhode Island Low and Moderate Income Housing Act have significantly constrained municipal authority on comprehensive permit applications, and the required findings for such applications give less discretion to local review boards than they have for conventional development applications;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Tiverton respectfully requests the Rhode Island General Assembly and the Governor reinstate "Required findings for denial" in the Low and Moderate Income Housing Act, at Title 45, Chapter 53, Section 4 of the Rhode Island General Laws, and to enact a law providing that for purposes of calculating a municipality's progress toward the 10% affordable housing goal, affordable units shall be counted at the issuance of a building permit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tiverton Town Council respectfully requests the respective City and Town Councils of Rhode Island join in this request to have the General Assembly enact legislation to restore "Required findings for denial" and to count affordable units when a building permit is issued.

Passed as a Resolution of the Tiverton Town Council this 29th of January, 2026

ATTEST: Joan Chabot Town Clerk

INTRODUCED BY: Councilor Janick