

TOWN OF BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION ALLOWING THE TOWN OF
BRISTOL TO PROVIDE PROPERTY TAX RELIEF TO OWNER-OCCUPIED MIXED-
USE PROPERTIES**

WHEREAS, the Bristol Town Council desires to promote business and economic growth in the Town of Bristol; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bristol has no authority over taxation without enabling legislation from the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the General Assembly enacted legislation known as P.L. 2023, chapters 187 and 255, codified at Title 44, Chapter 5, Section 11.8(k) of the Rhode Island General Laws, that allowed the Town to enact a tiered tax system, which includes a lower residential rate for owner-occupied residential properties;

WHEREAS, that legislation does not allow mixed use properties to obtain this lower, owner-occupied residential rate, as the statute categorizes mixed-use properties as properties taxed at the commercial rate; and

WHEREAS, the Bristol Town Council would like an amendment to the legislation, to allow it to provide the owner-occupied rate for mixed-use properties where the residential portion is owner occupied.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Bristol Town Council hereby respectfully requests the General Assembly to enact a proposed amendment to Chapter 44-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, submitted herewith and appended hereto, in the 2026 legislative session, in order to allow the Town of Bristol to apply the owner occupied rate to mixed-use properties where the residential portion is owner occupied; and
2. This resolution shall take effect upon passage.

ATTEST:

Melissa Cordeiro
Town Clerk

Nathan T. Calouro, Chairman
Bristol Town Council