

**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING SENATE BILL S2275 RELATING TO
COMPREHENSIVE PERMIT REVIEW AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT
ACCOUNTING**

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Charlestown recognizes the importance of a fair, transparent, and accountable review process for comprehensive permit applications under Rhode Island's affordable housing statutes; and

WHEREAS, local review boards play a critical role in evaluating comprehensive permit requests by balancing the need for affordable housing with public health, safety, environmental protection, infrastructure capacity, and consistency with local comprehensive plans; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council believes that requiring local review boards to issue written findings when denying a comprehensive permit application promotes transparency, due process, and clarity for applicants, residents, and reviewing authorities; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill **S2275**, introduced by Senator Gordon Rogers, proposes to restore the requirement that a local review board issue findings when denying a comprehensive permit request; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that some of the provisions of **S2275** support sound governance, improve procedural clarity, and reinforce an orderly and accurate approach to affordable housing oversight that respects both municipal decision-making and statewide objectives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Charlestown, Rhode Island, that the Town Council expresses its support for sections of Senate Bill **S2275**, with the exception of provisions that relate to including affordable housing units in each city and town's inventory when building permits for those units are granted, and as may be amended in a manner consistent with its stated intent; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council urges the Rhode Island General Assembly to give favorable consideration to **S2275**, with the exception of including affordable housing units in each city and town's inventory when building permits for those units are granted, in recognition of the importance of transparent local review procedures and accurate accounting of affordable housing units; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is authorized to transmit copies of this resolution to Senator Gordon Rogers, Charlestown's legislative delegation, the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns, and other appropriate state officials.

ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Charlestown, Rhode Island, this 13th day of April, 2026.

ATTEST:

Amy Rose Weinreich, CMC
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