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Town of Jamestown Resolution of the Town Council

No. 2025-28

A RESOLUTION SEEKING AN AMENDMENT TO THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS TO ALLOW THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN TO EXPAND THE TAX EXEMPTION FOR SENIORS TO A MAXIMUM INCOME BASED ON 240 PERCENT OF THE POVERTY LEVEL AND A 10 PERCENT EXEMPTION OF ASSESSED REAL PROPERTY VALUE

WHEREAS the Town of Jamestown recognizes the need to assist seniors to live in their homes as long as they desire by assisting them with their property tax burdens; and

WHEREAS providing stable and affordable housing opportunities for Jamestown's senior residents is a priority for the Town and is essential for the long-term vitality of the community; and

WHEREAS the Town Council of the Town of Jamestown is committed to exploring creative and sustainable means of addressing the challenges of affordable housing in the community; and

WHEREAS an amendment to the Rhode Island General Laws allowing Jamestown to amend its existing real property assessment exemption ordinances to provide for increased property tax relief for seniors will ensure affordable housing and help address seniors' housing needs within the community; and

WHEREAS an amendment to the General Laws to allow the Town to better respond to the growing demand for property tax relief for seniors will contribute to the economic stability and sustainability of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Jamestown hereby requests the Rhode Island General Assembly to amend the Rhode Island General Laws to allow the Town of Jamestown to expand the local tax exemption ordinance for seniors to a maximum income of not more than 240 percent of the federal poverty level, with a 10 percent exemption of the assessed cap or assessed real property valuation, whichever is less; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives, the President of the Rhode Island Senate, and all members of the Jamestown legislative delegation for their consideration and support.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council requests that the amendment be considered during the upcoming session of the Rhode Island General Assembly, and that the General Assembly take appropriate action to enact such an amendment.

By Order of the Jamestown Town Council

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Nancy A. Beye, President