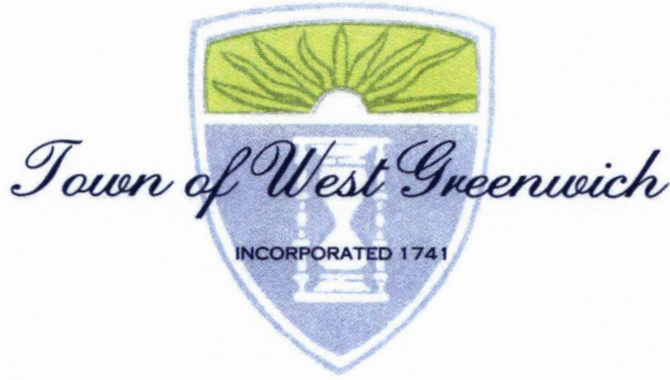


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**TOWN OF WEST GREENWICH, RHODE ISLAND
TOWN COUNCIL
2026-1**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
SENATE BILL S2275
HOUSE BILL H7447**

**RELATING TO LOW- AND MODERATE-INCOME HOUSING – COMPREHENSIVE
PERMITS**

WHEREAS, the State of Rhode Island has established a goal that each city and town provide at least ten percent (10%) of its housing stock as low- and moderate-income housing; and

WHEREAS, municipalities play a critical role in reviewing comprehensive permit applications to ensure that proposed developments are consistent with local land use policies, infrastructure capacity, environmental protections, and community character; and

WHEREAS, prior state law enumerated certain findings allowing denial of a comprehensive permit application; and

WHEREAS, the absence of clearly enumerated reasons for denial undermines the integrity of the local review process and exposes municipalities to unnecessary litigation risk; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill S2275 and House Bill H7447 would restore the enumerated findings for denying a comprehensive permit application, strengthening procedural fairness and clarity for applicants, residents, and reviewing courts; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill S2275 and House Bill H7447 would further clarify that low- and moderate-income housing units shall be counted toward a municipality's ten percent (10%) affordable housing threshold at the time building permits for such units are granted, rather than at a later stage; and

WHEREAS, counting affordable housing units upon issuance of building permits provides a more accurate, timely, and equitable reflection of a municipality's progress toward meeting the state's affordable housing goal; and


WHEREAS, such clarification would provide certainty to municipalities and developers alike, encourage good-faith collaboration, and better align state policy with on-the-ground development realities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the West Greenwich Town Council hereby expresses its strong support for Senate Bill S2275 and House Bill H7447 currently pending before the Rhode Island General Assembly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the West Greenwich Town Council urges the members of the Rhode Island Senate and House of Representatives to enact Senate Bill S2275 and House Bill H7447 into law; and

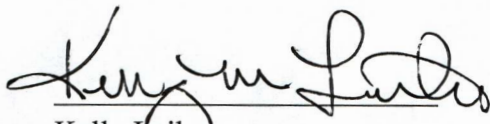
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk is authorized and directed to transmit copies of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Town's state legislative delegation.

ADOPTED by the West Greenwich Town Council this 4th day of February, 2026.



Mark D. Boyer, Town Council President

ATTEST:



Kelly Laihe
West Greenwich Town Clerk

