

1 THE TOWN OF COVENTRY

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4 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

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6 IN SUPPORT OF RHODE ISLAND HOUSE BILL 2026—7123 (LC004121)
7 AND REQUESTING FOR INCLUSION OF THE TOWN OF COVENTRY
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9 Resolution No. 2026-51

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11 WHEREAS, the Rhode Island General Assembly has introduced 2026 -- H 7123 (LC004121),
12 entitled "*An Act Relating to Towns and Cities — Low- and Moderate-Income Housing*"; and
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14 WHEREAS, said legislation would require the Rhode Island Housing Authority to verify and
15 document the count of affordable housing stock in the Town of Tiverton on a biannual basis; and
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17 WHEREAS, accurate and up-to-date accounting of affordable housing stock is essential to ensuring
18 transparency, compliance with state housing mandates, and informed municipal and state-level
19 planning; and
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21 WHEREAS, municipalities, including the Town of Coventry, rely upon accurate housing inventory
22 data to evaluate compliance with R.I. General Laws Chapter 45-53, to plan infrastructure
23 investments, and to administer local zoning and development policies; and
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25 WHEREAS, the Town of Coventry shares similar housing planning obligations and faces
26 comparable challenges in tracking and verifying affordable housing stock within its jurisdiction;
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29 WHEREAS, consistent, periodic verification of affordable housing inventory by the Rhode Island
30 Housing Authority would promote uniformity, accuracy, and fairness across all municipalities
31 subject to state housing requirements; and
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33 WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that extending such verification and documentation
34 requirements statewide would enhance transparency and improve the administration of Rhode
35 Island's affordable housing framework;
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37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Honorable Town Council that:

- 38 1. The Town of Coventry hereby expresses its support for 2026 -- H 7123 (LC004121),
39 recognizing the importance of regular verification and documentation of affordable housing
40 stock by the Rhode Island Housing Authority.

41 2. The Town of Coventry respectfully requests that the Rhode Island General Assembly amend
42 said legislation, or enact companion legislation, to extend the same biannual affordable
43 housing stock verification and documentation requirement to the Town of Coventry and all
44 similarly situated municipalities.

45 3. The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to transmit a certified copy of this
46 Resolution to the Coventry Legislative Delegation, the Rhode Island House Committee on
47 Municipal Government and Housing, and all appropriate state officials.

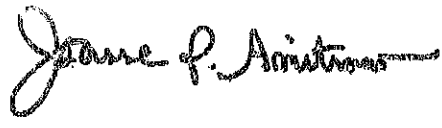
48 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall take effect upon passage.

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51 Passed or Denied on April 28, 2026 on a vote of

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John-Paul A. Verducci – Town Council
President

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57 Certification by Town Clerk:


Joanne P. Amitrano-Town Clerk

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