

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—7293 (LC004131)  
7 AND REQUESTING EXTENSION OF SAME HOUSING BENEFITS TO THE  
8 TOWN OF COVENTRY  
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10 Resolution No. 2026-49  
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13 WHEREAS, the Rhode Island General Assembly has introduced H 7293 (LC004131), an Act  
14 relating to the Rhode Island Housing Resources Act of 1998, which amends § 42-128-8.1  
15 concerning housing production, rehabilitation, and affordable housing policy; and

16 WHEREAS, said legislation recognizes the State of Rhode Island's ongoing need to expand  
17 housing production, remove regulatory barriers to development, and improve affordability across all  
18 municipalities; and

19 WHEREAS, H 7293 further provides a specific amendment allowing the Town of Tiverton to  
20 receive a **one-half (1/2) affordable housing unit credit for certain manufactured homes located**  
21 **in age-restricted communities**, consistent with applicable zoning and local ordinances; and

22 WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Coventry recognizes that Coventry faces similar  
23 housing pressures, including the need to expand affordable housing stock, encourage appropriate  
24 senior housing development, and support innovative housing models such as manufactured and age-  
25 restricted housing; and

26 WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that the policy framework established in H 7293 promotes  
27 fair, practical, and flexible housing production tools that should be made available to similarly  
28 situated municipalities; and

29 WHEREAS, the Town of Coventry supports the intent and purpose of H 7293 as introduced for the  
30 Town of Tiverton; and

31 **WHEREAS**, the Town Council further finds that limiting the benefits of H 7293 solely to Tiverton  
32 creates inequitable treatment among municipalities facing comparable housing challenges; and  
33 **WHEREAS**, the Town of Coventry has a substantial interest in ensuring that housing policy  
34 reforms enacted by the General Assembly are made available statewide or on an opt-in basis to all  
35 municipalities;

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37 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HONORABLE TOWN COUNCIL:**

- 38 1. The Town Council hereby **expresses its support for H 7293 (LC004131), “Rhode Island**  
39 **Housing Resources Act of 1998” amendment**, currently pending before the Rhode Island  
40 General Assembly.
- 41 2. The Town Council hereby **respectfully requests that the Rhode Island General Assembly**  
42 **amend H 7293, or enact companion legislation, to extend the same or substantially**  
43 **similar affordable housing credit provisions to the Town of Coventry**, including the  
44 ability to count manufactured homes in age-restricted communities as partial affordable  
45 housing units consistent with local zoning approval. .
- 46 3. The Town Council further requests that any such legislation be structured to:
- 47 • allow municipalities such as Coventry to opt into the manufactured housing credit
  - 48 framework,
  - 49 • support age-restricted housing development consistent with local zoning ordinances, and
  - 50 • ensure equitable statewide application of housing production incentives.
- 51 4. The Town Council directs the Town Manager, Town Solicitor, and/or their designees to  
52 transmit this Resolution to the Rhode Island General Assembly, the Town’s legislative  
53 delegation, and the House Committee on Municipal Government & Housing.
- 54 5. The Town Council authorizes all necessary advocacy, testimony, and correspondence to  
55 support the intent of this Resolution.

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

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

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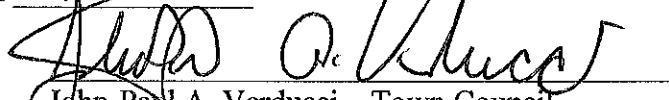
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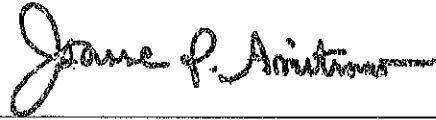
  
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