

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—7296 (LC004128)
7 AND REQUEST FOR INCLUSION OF THE TOWN OF COVENTRY
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9 Resolution No. 2026-48

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11 WHEREAS, the Rhode Island General Assembly has introduced 2026 -- H 7296 (LC004128),
12 entitled "*An Act Relating to Towns and Cities — Low- and Moderate-Income Housing —*
13 *Parking Spaces*"; and
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15 WHEREAS, said legislation would amend R.I. General Laws Chapter 45-53 to authorize the
16 Town of Tiverton to require two (2) parking spaces for each studio, one-bedroom, or two-
17 bedroom low- or moderate-income housing unit where the municipality determines that there is
18 limited or no access to public transportation or adequate off-street parking in reasonable
19 proximity; and
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21 WHEREAS, the availability of adequate parking is a critical component of residential livability,
22 public safety, traffic management, and neighborhood compatibility, particularly in suburban and
23 semi-rural municipalities; and
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25 WHEREAS, the Town of Coventry similarly experiences limited public transportation
26 availability in many residential and rural areas, as well as existing and anticipated constraints on
27 off-street parking capacity within certain low- and moderate-income housing developments; and
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29 WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that municipalities should retain the ability to determine
30 reasonable parking standards based on local infrastructure, transit access, and development
31 patterns; and
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33 WHEREAS, the Town of Coventry supports balanced housing policy that ensures affordability
34 goals are met while preserving local authority to address infrastructure, safety, and quality-of-life
35 concerns;
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37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Honorable Town Council that:
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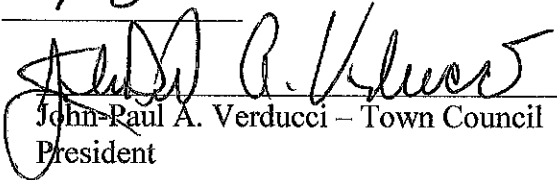
- 39 1. The Town of Coventry hereby expresses its support for 2026 -- H 7296 (LC004128),
40 recognizing its intent to allow municipalities to establish reasonable parking requirements
41 for low- and moderate-income housing units where local conditions warrant such
42 standards.

43 2. The Town of Coventry respectfully requests that the Rhode Island General Assembly
44 amend said legislation, or enact companion legislation, to extend the same authority
45 granted to Tiverton to the Town of Coventry, permitting Coventry to require two (2)
46 parking spaces for applicable low- and moderate-income housing units under appropriate
47 local findings regarding transportation and parking availability.

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

51 **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 4-0

John-Paul A. Verducci – Town Council
President

Certification by Town Clerk:

Joanne P. Amitrano-Town Clerk