

**TOWN OF PORTSMOUTH, RI  
RESOLUTION # 2026-01-27-D**

**RESOLUTION OF THE PORTSMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL  
RELATING TO TAX CLASSIFICATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Portsmouth (the "Town") wishes to adopt a new Tax Classification Plan to provide property tax relief to its residents; and


**WHEREAS**, the adoption of a Tax Classification Plan in any year other than a year in which the Town has completed a comprehensive revaluation or update, in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws §44-5-11.8, requires the passage of enabling legislation by the Rhode Island General Assembly; and

**WHEREAS**, the General Assembly has previously granted such authority to other municipalities in Rhode Island through enabling legislation.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Council of the Town of Portsmouth requests the Rhode Island General Assembly to adopt and ratify the proposed amendment to Section 44-5-11.8 of the General Laws entitled "Tax Classification", attached hereto; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Town's Legislative Delegation requesting that they introduce the appropriate legislation and work for its passage in the 2026 session of the General Assembly.

APPROVED BY TOWN COUNCIL ACTION ON this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.



Keith E. Hamilton, President  
Portsmouth Town Council

ATTEST:



Jennifer M. West, CMC, Town Clerk