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Town of Hopkinton

HOPKINTON, RHODE ISLAND 02833

RESOLUTION OF THE HOPKINTON TOWN COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Rhode Island is known for its natural beauty, including its pristine beaches, vibrant cities, and rural towns. Specifically, the TOWN of HOPKINTON enjoys its public parks, and

WHEREAS, Rhode Islanders in all thirty-nine cities and towns should be able to live in clean, litter-free and healthy communities; and

WHEREAS, as municipal officials, we are the stewards of such; and

WHEREAS, we must make a commitment to investing in environmental protection and educating residents on its importance and connection to improving our state's overall health; and

WHEREAS, we will work with our state partners to advance these goals, such as hosting community cleanups, passing local litter-related ordinances, or working on shifting community culture around littering.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the TOWN of HOPKINTON

- (1) Formally pledges to Keep Rhody Litter Free by supporting Governor Daniel J. McKee's Litter Free Rhode Island campaign; and
- (2) Encourages each of the residents of the TOWN of HOPKINTON to join us in taking this pledge by visiting litterfree.ri.gov; and
- (3) Commits to fulfil our pledge through coordinating various events such as community cleanups.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon passage of this Resolution it be sent to His Excellency, the Honorable Governor of the State of Rhode Island, Daniel J. McKee.

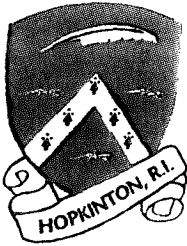
Passed, adopted, and approved this 1st day of April, 2024.

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Michael Geary, President
Hopkinton Town Council

ATTEST:

Marita Murray, CMC
Town Clerk



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TOWN OF HOPKINTON, RI RESOLUTION OPPOSING HB 7958 LEGISLATION RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES – MULTIFAMILY HOUSING ACT

WHEREAS, The Hopkinton Town Council joins other municipalities in their concern relative to House Bill 2024 – H 7958, an act which requires that all municipalities with populations over 40,000 shall permit all types of “middle housing” in all residential zones and requires that a duplex is permitted on each lot that permits single-family dwellings; and

WHEREAS, this will cause a lack of local control in designating what is permitted in a municipalities zoning districts.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Hopkinton respectfully requests our legislators oppose passage of this bill.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island General Assembly and the City and Town Councils of Rhode Island’s other municipalities.

The **RESOLUTION** shall take effect upon passage.

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TOWN OF HOPKINTON, RI RESOLUTION OPPOSING HB 7978 LEGISLATION RELATING TO SUBDIVISION OF LAND

WHEREAS, The Hopkinton Town Council joins other municipalities in their concern relative to House Bill 2024 – H 7978, an act which requires that electronic permitting for all zoning and planning applications be established by all municipalities by October 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, H 7978 causes a concern with what the cost of this module will be, if any, and who will be responsible for any associated costs.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Hopkinton respectfully requests our legislators oppose passage of this bill.

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**TOWN OF HOPKINTON, RI
RESOLUTION OPPOSING HB 7951
LEGISLATION RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES – RI COMPREHENSIVE
PLANNING AND LAND USE ACT**

WHEREAS, The Hopkinton Town Council joins other municipalities in their concern relative to House Bill 2024 – H 7951, an act which limits the applicability of growth management ordinances and moratoriums; and

WHEREAS, H 7951 requires that all growth management limitations are specifically recognized within the comprehensive plan of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, if the limitation is applied to residential permits, the limitation must be related to a legitimate governmental interest, taking into account the need for additional housing units, and exempts comprehensive permit and inclusionary zoning projects; and

WHEREAS, the exemption does not appear to be limited to the low- and moderate-income units only; and

WHEREAS, this limits an emergency moratorium on building permits but restricts that they shall not be in place longer than 60 days.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Hopkinton respectfully requests our legislators oppose passage of this bill.

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TOWN OF HOPKINTON, RI RESOLUTION OPPOSING HB 7986 LEGISLATION RELATING TO PROPERTY – ABANDONED PROPERTY

WHEREAS, The Hopkinton Town Council joins other municipalities in their concern relative to House Bill 2024 – H 7986, an act which requires that the town to annually publish a list of all properties, based on inspection and records, that may qualify as abandoned property; and

WHEREAS, such notice would have to be available in the Clerk’s Office and municipal website and all properties included on such list shall be notified by first class mail; and

WHEREAS, the bill also gives priority in any sale to a party willing to deed restrict the property for low- and moderate-income housing and that the abatement of taxes, zoning restrictions, or fines may count as the subsidy; and

WHEREAS, cities and towns should consider the cost of implementing such a program at the local level; and

WHEREAS, there could be a concern with priority sale for low- and moderate- income units in areas of the municipality where low- and moderate-income units are not consistent with a comprehensive plan or affordable housing plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Hopkinton respectfully requests our legislators oppose passage of this bill.

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TOWN OF HOPKINTON, RI RESOLUTION OPPOSING HB 7382 LEGISLATION RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES – ZONING ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, The Hopkinton Town Council joins other municipalities in their concern relative to House Bill 2024 – H 7382, an act which amends the definition of household to change the number of unrelated individuals that may reside together from three to one person per bedroom, not to exceed five per dwelling;

WHEREAS, it is unclear what the purpose of this bill is and there is general concern that this will make homes more desirable for short term or seasonal rentals, removing housing stock from year round habitation for those existing residents of the state that are in need of permanent housing; and

WHEREAS, making such a change could contribute to the purchase and rental of homes by real estate investors, as opposed to making homes available for homeownership.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Hopkinton respectfully requests our legislators oppose passage of this bill.

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TOWN OF HOPKINTON, RI RESOLUTION OPPOSING HB 7324 LEGISLATION RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES – ZONING ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, The Hopkinton Town Council joins other municipalities in their concern relative to House Bill 2024 – H 7324, an act which removes the reference to floor ratio (FAR) within the list of issues that are allowed to be regulated within each zoning district; and

WHEREAS, H 7324 essentially removes the floor ratio as a tool for managing growth and development without an explanation as to why that is beneficial. FAR is a tool that should be available to municipalities for inclusion in their zoning ordinance as they determine appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Hopkinton respectfully requests our legislators oppose passage of this bill.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island General Assembly and the City and Town Councils of Rhode Island’s other municipalities.

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TOWN OF HOPKINTON, RI RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SB 2016 AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES – LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING

WHEREAS, The Hopkinton Town Council joins other municipalities in their support of Senate Bill 2024 – S 2016, an act which allows municipalities without public transportation extending to urban service boundaries to reduce the low- or moderate-income housing requirements from 10% to 6%.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Hopkinton respectfully requests our legislators support the passage of this bill.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the Rhode Island General Assembly, RI League of Cities and Towns, and the City and Town Councils of Rhode Island's other municipalities.

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