

**SMITHFIELD TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION
REGARDING LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING**

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AND WHEREAS, several of these housing developments would be built in areas previously designated as farmland or low-density residential areas with insufficient roads and infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS, several of these housing developments are proposed in areas that are prone to flooding;

AND WHEREAS, Smithfield has not met its 10% affordable housing goal;

NOW THEREFORE, to regain control over Smithfield's zoning and planning to prevent the adverse effects of high density housing developments;

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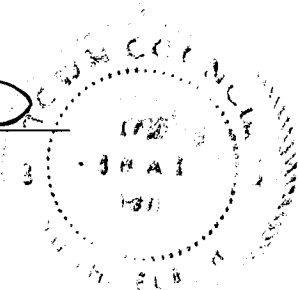
House Bill No. 5689 defines a multi-family housing project as more than 60 units in a municipality with less than 35,000 residents and also provides for a pre-approval conference with the local board for review of the plan.

House Bill No. 5690 repeals the chapter of the Rhode Island General Laws entitled "Low and Moderate Income Housing" in its entirety.

PASSED: May 20, 2025

APPROVED:


Lyn M. Antonuccio, CMC
Town Clerk




John J. Tassoni, President

Recommended Motion:

That the Smithfield Town Council hereby adopt a resolution in support of House Bill No. 5957 and Senate Bill No. 502, House Bill No. 5689, and House Bill No. 5690 regarding Affordable Housing.

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