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5	STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
6	RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
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13	A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO AMEND
14	R.I.G.L. §44-5-67.2 REGARDING PROPERTY TAX CLASSIFICATION FOR
15	THE CITY OF WARWICK TO REDUCE THE MINIMUM
16	RATIO OF CLASS 1 TO CLASS 2 RATES
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19	Resolved that,
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21	WHEREAS, the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Warwick are matters of
22	paramount importance to the City Council; and
23	WHEDEAS there is sugmently expected DICL 44.5.67.2 which allows the Tay Assessment
24 25	WHEREAS, there is currently enacted RIGL 44-5-67.2, which allows the Tax Assessor of the City of Warwick to separate property into different classes for the purpose of taxation; and
26	the City of warwick to separate property into different classes for the purpose of taxation, and
27	WHEREAS, as currently enacted, RIGL 44-5-67.2 imposes a limitation whereby Class 1
28	property tax rates shall not be less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the Class 2 property tax
29	rates; and
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31	WHEREAS, the City of Warwick believes that this ought to be amended so that Class 1
32	property tax rates shall not be less than fifty-seven percent (57%) of the Class 2 property tax rates;
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35	WHEREAS, such an amendment would allow the City greater flexibility in executing the
36	revaluation and brings this provision closer in line with the general tiered tax statute, G.L. 1956 §
37	44-5-11.8; and
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39	WHEREAS, the Warwick City Council desires that the General Assembly enact legislation
40	to reduce the minimum ratio of Class 1 to Class 2 Property Tax Rates in the City of Warwick from
41 42	seventy-five percent (75%) to fifty-seven percent (57%).
42	NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Warwick
43 44	respectfully requests the General Assembly to enact legislation amending R.I.G.L. § 44-5-67.2 as
45	follows:
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1 2	"It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:
3	SECTION 1. Section 44-5-67.2 of the General Laws in Chapter 44-5 entitled "Warwick —
4	Property tax classification — Duties of assessor" is hereby amended to read as follows:
5	44-5-67.2. Warwick — Property tax classification — Duties of assessor.
6	The assessor of the city of Warwick, on or before June 15 of each year, shall make a full
7	and fair cash valuation of all the estate, real and personal, including motor vehicles and trailers,
8	subject to taxation, and determine the assessed valuation of each property class. The assessor has
9	the authority to apply different rates of taxation to each class and to determine the tax due and
10	payable on the property; provided, that the rates are pursuant to an annual tax resolution
11	approved in the same manner as is provided for budget approval in the city charter; provided,
12	further, that the rate of taxation is uniform within each class; and provided, further, that for each
13	year, Class 1 property tax rates shall not be less than seventy-five fifty-seven percent (7557%) of
14	class two (2) property tax rates.
15	SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage and shall apply retroactively to the
16	December 31, 2022 assessment."
17 18 19 20 21 22	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk send a copy of this Resolution to the City's Representatives and Senators in the Rhode Island General Assembly. This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.
23 24 25	SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT MCALLISTER ON BEHALF OF MAYOR PICOZZI
26 27 28	COMMITTEE: INTERGOVERNMENTAL