

THE CITY OF WARWICK
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. Date

Approved. Mayor

RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO SUPPORT AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 2 OF
TITLE 45, SECTION 19 TO PROVIDE THE WARWICK MUNICIPAL COURT WITH
JURISDICTION TO HEAR AND DETERMINE CASES AND CONTROVERSIES
CONCERNING ABANDONED BUILDINGS AND USING RECEIVERSHIP
PROVISIONS UNDER R.I.G.L. 34-44-1, ET SEQ.

RESOLVED, that:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Warwick (“Warwick”) has been confronted by a plethora of abandoned buildings as a consequence of the severe economic recession recently experienced by the community, the State and the Nation; and

WHEREAS, many properties and building have been left and abandoned by their owners, lenders and others causing the abandoned buildings to decay, become havens for animals, vermin and creating unsafe conditions for the public’s health, safety, welfare and morals; and

WHEREAS, the City Building Department has attempted to remedy the conditions caused by these abandoned buildings and properties using existing statutes, ordinances, and regulations to no avail; and

WHEREAS, other communities in Rhode Island have successfully sought and applied for amendments to their enabling legislation for their local municipal courts to expand its jurisdiction to allow for the use of receivership authority set forth in Chapter 44 of Title 34, et seq, to combat the public menace and harm caused by the abandonment of buildings and properties; and

WHEREAS, Warwick desires that the General Assembly act to amend the Warwick Municipal Court enabling legislation to expand the municipal court’s jurisdiction to include all the authority provided for in Chapter 44 of Title 34, et seq, including, but not limited to, using the receivership process to remedy the harm, damage and consequences of abandoned buildings and property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Warwick hereby respectfully requests the R.I. General Assembly to amend Chapter 2 of Title 45, Section 19 City of Warwick - Municipal Court to include in the jurisdiction of the court the authority to use and apply the provisions set for in Chapter 44 of Title 34, et seq, to remedy the blight and consequences caused by abandoned buildings and properties in Warwick; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby instructed to submit a copy of this Resolution to the City of Warwick’s State Senators and State Representatives in the Rhode Island General Assembly in consideration of their support to submit an act to pass this amendment to become part of the Rhode Island General Laws.

This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILWOMAN TRAVIS
ON BEHALF OF MAYOR AVEDISIAN

COMMITTEE: _____