

THE CITY OF WARWICK
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

NO..... DATE.....

APPROVED.....MAYOR

A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO LEGISLATION PROHIBITING SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONING IN MUNICIPALITIES WITH POPULATIONS OVER TWENTY THOUSAND

Resolved that,

WHEREAS, the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Warwick are matters of paramount importance to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, H 6638 and S 2340 (the "Bills") are legislation pending in the Rhode Island General Assembly that would prohibit single-family residential zoning in municipalities with populations over twenty thousand (20,000) and mandate the adoption of zoning regulations for middle housing in single-family residential zones; and

WHEREAS, the Bills mandate that the model middle housing ordinance to be created by the state building code standards committee would override local ordinances should municipal governing bodies fail to amend their comprehensive plan to provide for middle housing by June 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Bill would usurp the traditional zoning power of cities and towns to comprehensively regulate, on a local level, the land use in their communities and would overtax local communities' availability to provide adequate public safety measures and other necessary municipal services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Warwick opposes H 6638 and S 2340, and respectfully urges the Rhode Island General Assembly not to pass the Bills.

The City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Senators and Representatives from the City of Warwick.

This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN LADOUCEUR
COUNCILMAN FOLEY
COUNCILMAN SINAPI
COUNCILMAN GEBHART

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COMMITTEE: INTERGOVERNMENTAL