

THE CITY OF NEWPORT

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
COUNCIL**

NO.2024-06

- WHEREAS: The well-being and care of the Newport harbor and surrounding waters is of utmost concern to the city council and residents of The City of Newport; AND
- WHEREAS: Of particular concern to the city council in recent years has been and remains, the ability to create and establish ordinances for the management of activities and uses in its harbor and water areas; AND
- WHEREAS: Specifically, regarding the above, the city council recognizes the need for enhanced local control and regulation of houseboats located within The City of Newport; AND
- WHEREAS: In addition, the city council, recognizes the framework established by RIGL 46-4, which grants municipalities the authority to create and establish ordinances for the management of activities and uses in its harbors and water areas, which includes houseboat oversight; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT
- RESOLVED: That the Newport City Council does hereby request of its legislative delegation, introduction of enabling legislation permitting Rhode Island municipalities to enhance their legislative authorities to regulate houseboats within their jurisdiction and enforce ordinances, rules, and regulations on public waters; AND BE IT FURTHER
- RESOLVED: That the Newport City Council requests in addition that said legislation augment the powers municipalities are currently allotted by state law to manage houseboat activities and uses and ensure the health, safety, welfare and enjoyment of public waters by residents and visitors is maintained.

DAVID R. CARLIN III

IN COUNCIL
READ AND PASSED
FEBRUARY 14, 2024


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