

SENATE No. 2874

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Julian Cyr

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act authorizing the town of Harwich affordable housing trust to provide for the creation of attainable housing.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Julian Cyr

Cape and Islands

Sarah K. Peake

4th Barnstable

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By Mr. Cyr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2874) of Julian Cyr and Sarah K. Peake (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Harwich affordable housing trust to provide for the creation of attainable housing. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act authorizing the town of Harwich affordable housing trust to provide for the creation of attainable housing.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 2 of chapter 140 of the Harwich Affordable Housing Trust Bylaw is
2 hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

3 "C. The purpose of the Harwich Affordable Housing Trust Fund is to provide for the
4 creation and preservation of affordable housing in Harwich for the benefit of low- and moderate-
5 income households, for the creation and preservation of attainable housing, as defined in section
6 4 of this chapter, and for the funding of community housing, as defined under section 55C of
7 chapter 44 of the General Laws."

8 SECTION 2. Said chapter 140 of the Harwich Affordable Housing Bylaw is hereby
9 amended by adding the following section:-

10 "§140-4. Definition of Attainable Housing. For the purposes of this Bylaw, the term
11 "attainable housing" shall mean housing that is not restricted to occupancy by low or moderate
12 income households, and that may also include housing subject to maximum income limits to be
13 occupied by households with gross income greater than 80 per cent but not more than 200 per
14 cent of the area median household income as most recently determined by the United States
15 Department of Housing and Urban Development, adjusted for household size."

16 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage, provided, however, that the
17 General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Select
18 Board approve amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court; and provided
19 further that the Select Board is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within
20 the scope of the general public objectives of this petition, and to further authorize the Select
21 Board to approve the final language of any such special legislation or to take any other action
22 relative thereto.