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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING--  
PARKING SPACES

Introduced By: Representatives Fellela, Fascia, Hull, Messier, and Shallcross Smith

Date Introduced: February 27, 2026

Referred To: House Municipal Government & Housing

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 45-53 of the General Laws entitled "Low and Moderate Income  
2 Housing" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **45-53-17. Johnston low- or moderate-income housing parking spaces.**

4           The town of Johnston may require two (2) parking spaces for each studio, one-bedroom,  
5 or two (2) bedroom low- or moderate-income housing unit upon the municipality's determination  
6 that there is limited or no local public transportation or off-street parking availability within a  
7 reasonable proximity to these low- or moderate-income housing units.

8           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would permit Johnston to require two (2) parking spaces for each studio, one-  
2 bedroom, or two-bedroom low- or moderate-income housing unit upon the determination that  
3 limited or no local public transportation or off-street parking is available near these units.

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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