

HOUSE No. 1299

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 relative to zoning density.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Bradford Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1299) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others that cities and towns be authorized to increase the density of property zoned for residential usage to provide additional affordable housing units. Housing.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to zoning density.

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 9 of chapter 40A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding, after the second paragraph, the following new
3 paragraph:- Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, a zoning ordinance or
4 by-law may allow, without a special permit, increases in the permissible density of intensity of
5 residential use in a proposed development to the maximum extent stated in the ordinance or by-
6 law, pursuant to provisions that authorize such increases for the purpose of promoting the
7 creation of additional units of affordable housing in mixed income housing developments or
8 mixed-use developments, or for the purpose of promoting other public purposes specifically
9 stated in the zoning ordinance or by-law.