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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 passage of the accompanying:

An Act relative to zoning density.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	*20th Middlesex*
Donald F. Humason, Jr.	*4th Hampden*
F. Jay Barrows	*1st Bristol*
Donald H. Wong	*9th Essex*
Sheila C. Harrington	*1st Middlesex*
George N. Peterson, Jr.	*9th Worcester*
Elizabeth A. Poirier	*14th Bristol*
Viriato Manuel deMacedo	*1st Plymouth*

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2126) 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.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
HOUSE
, NO. *1226* OF 2009-2010.]

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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:

SECTION 1. Section 9 of chapter 40A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding after the second paragraph the following new paragraph :—

Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, a zoning ordinance or by-law may allow, without a special permit, increases in the permissible density or intensity of residential use in a proposed development to the maximum extent stated in the ordinance or by-law, pursuant to provisions that authorize such increases for the purpose of promoting the creation of additional units of affordable housing in mixed income housing developments or mixed-use developments, or for the purpose of promoting other public purposes specifically stated in the zoning ordinance or by-law.