## BOROUGH OF HAWORTH BERGEN COUNTY RESOLUTION 2025-161

## RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE 2025 HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN

WHEREAS, the Borough of Haworth, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, (hereinafter, "Haworth") has a demonstrated history of voluntary compliance with its constitutional affordable housing obligations; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2024, Governor Phil Murphy signed into law P.L. 2024, c.2, an Amendment to the 1985 Fair Housing Act (hereinafter "Amended FHA" or "Act"); and

WHEREAS, among other things, the Act abolished the Council on Affordable Housing (hereinafter, "COAH"), and replaced it with seven retired, on recall judges designated as the Program and authorized the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts, (hereinafter, respectively, "Director" and "AOC") to create a framework to process applications for affordable housing compliance certification; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act and to Directive #14-24 issued by the Director on December 13, 2024, a municipality desiring to participate in the Program was obligated to take the following actions by January 31, 2025: (1) adopt a "binding resolution" determining its present and prospective need affordable housing obligations and (2) to file an action in the form of a declaratory judgment complaint in the County in which the municipality is located within 48 hours after the municipality's adoption of a binding resolution; and

WHEREAS, Haworth adopted a binding resolution on its present and prospective need affordable housing obligations and filed the required declaratory judgment action in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, the Act also requires that a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan (hereinafter, "HEFSP") be prepared and adopted by the Haworth Planning Board (hereinafter, "Planning Board"), and endorsed by the Haworth Governing Body (hereinafter, "Governing Body"), by June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board adopted the HEFSP entitled "Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, Borough of Haworth, Bergen County, New Jersey" prepared by **T&M Associates**, dated **June 4, 2025** ("2025 HEFSP"), as an amendment to Haworth's Master Plan on **June 18, 2025**; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body desires to endorse 2025 HEFSP adopted by the Planning Board on June 18, 2025.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough of Haworth, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

- 1. The Governing Body does hereby endorse the 2025 HEFSP adopted by the Planning Board on June 18, 2025.
- 2. The Governing Body does hereby authorize the filing of this Resolution endorsing the 2025 HEFSP adopted by the Planning Board on June 18, 2025 for review by the Program.
- 3. The Mayor and Clerk, together with other appropriate officers and employees of Haworth, are hereby authorized to take all steps necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

Councilperson	Moved	Seconded	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Poosikian	X		X			
Rosenberg						x
Siciliano			X			
Davis		X	X			
Di lorgi			X			
Laub			X			

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Mayor and Council and shall be enforced in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

I hereby certify that the above resolution is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council on June 24, 2025. APPROVED:

Greg Zagaja

Municipal Clerk

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Mayor