BOROUGH OF LODI COUNTY OF BERGEN STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION NO. 25-03

BINDING RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE NUMBER OF
EXISTING BUT DEFICIENT HOUSING UNITS CURRENTLY OCCUPIED
BY LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSEHOLDS IN THE BOROUGH
AND MAKING THE BERGEN COUNTY HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM ("HIP")
AVAILABLE TO QUALIFIED OWNERS

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2024 Governor Murphy signed P.L. 2024, c. 2. into law establishing a new framework for determining and enforcing municipalities' affordable housing obligations under the New Jersey Supreme Court's Mount Laurel doctrine and the State's Fair Housing Act. The Law requires that the Department of Community Affairs ("DCA") perform a calculation of regional need and municipal present and prospective obligations in accordance with the formulas established in the Law; and

WHEREAS, the DCA Affordable Housing Obligations for 2025-2035 (Fourth Round)
Methodology and Background Report ("Report") establishes fair share methodology and calculations for low and moderate income housing obligations for New Jersey's 564 municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Report at Page 22 indicates that the Borough of Lodi ("Borough") is a Qualified Urban Aid Municipality and has zero prospective need for low and moderate income housing; and

WHEREAS, the Report at Page 22 also indicates that the Borough of Lodi has a present need based upon census data and academic exercise of 140 deficient housing units as being low and moderate income occupied units which may be in need of physical improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to address the present need of 140 units as indicated in the Report by making available to low and moderate income owner-occupied qualified homeowners of one-family homes, one-family condominiums, or two-family homes, a Home Improvement Program through the Bergen County Home Improvement Program ("HIP"); and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to make the HIP Program known to all homeowners of one-family homes, condominiums, or two-family homes that are owner occupied and who otherwise qualify for said HIP Program; and

WHEREAS, HIP is in the best interest of the residents of the Borough of Lodi; and

WHEREAS, the mission of HIP is to assist qualified low to moderate income Bergen County home and condominium owner occupants with an interest free, no monthly payment loan with improvements that upgrade the home, enhance the neighborhood and help to maintain property values. Eligibility is based on income, financial status, family size, and the type of home improvements requested. HIP is especially popular with eligible Bergen County senior homeowners aging in place. The HIP loan is interest free with no monthly payments and no payback until the home is sold or the title is changed. Payback funds re-circulate back into the program for another eligible homeowner to benefit from; and

WHEREAS, HIP can be contacted by visiting the Bergen County website: https://co.bergen.nj.us/community-development/home-improvement-program; and

WHEREAS, the HIP Program can also be contacted by contacting Bermari Roig HIP Client Services Representative at broig@bergencountynj.gov or GetHIP@co.bergen.nj.us Bergen County Division of Community Development, One Bergen County Plaza, 4th Floor, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601, Phone 201-336-6999 and the Department of Administration and Finance, One Bergen County Plaza, 5th Floor, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601-7076, Phone 201-336-7335, Fax 201-336-7304; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Lodi that the within Resolution and information contained herein be posted on the Borough Lodi website within 48 hours of the adoption of this Resolution and a copy be filed with the Dispute Resolution Program with the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs forthwith.

Attest:

Adopted this 21st day of January, 2025.

Scott A. Luna, Mayor

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Rebecca Paladino, Municipal Clerk

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