

**RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF
RIDGEFIELD PARK ADOPTING A FOURTH ROUND HOUSING
ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Village of Ridgefield Park (hereinafter the “Village” or “Ridgefield Park”) has a demonstrated a history of voluntary compliance as evidenced by its Third Round record; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to In re N.J.A.C. 5:96 and 5:97, 221 N.J. 1 (2015) (Mount Laurel IV), on or around July 2, 2015, the Village of Ridgefield Park filed a Declaratory Judgment Complaint in Superior Court, Law Division seeking, among other things, a judicial declaration that its Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, to be amended as necessary, satisfied its “fair share” of the regional need for low and moderate income housing pursuant to the “Mount Laurel doctrine;” and

WHEREAS, that culminated in a Court-approved Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan and a Judgment of Compliance and Repose, which precludes all Mount Laurel lawsuits, including builder’s remedy lawsuits, until July 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Village continues to actively implement its Court-approved Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2024, Governor Murphy signed into law P.L. 2024, c.2, which amended the 1985 New Jersey Fair Housing Act (hereinafter the “Amended FHA”); and

WHEREAS, the Village adopted a resolution on January 14, 2025 committing to a present need obligation of 163 and Round 4 prospective need obligation of 126 and thereafter filing a declaratory judgment action within 48 hours of the adoption of the Resolution; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Amended FHA and the Administrative Office of the Court’s Directive No. 14-24, the Village filed a timely Fourth Round Declaratory Judgment complaint (“DJ Complaint”) with the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program (“the Program”), along with its binding resolution, on January 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the filing of the DJ Complaint gave the Village automatic, continued immunity from all exclusionary zoning lawsuits, including builder’s remedy lawsuits, which is still in full force and effect; and

WHEREAS, the Village did not receive any objections to its Present and Prospective Need numbers by February 28, 2025, resulting in the statutory automatic acceptance of the Village’s Fourth Round obligations on March 1, 2025; and

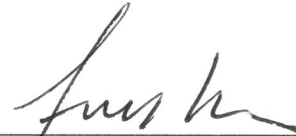
WHEREAS, now that the Village has its Fourth Round Obligations, the Amended FHA requires the municipality to adopt and endorse a Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan by June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Amended FHA, the Village’s affordable housing planner drafted a Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan; and

WHEREAS, upon notice duly provided pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-13, the Planning Board held a public hearing on the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan on June 23, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board determined that the attached Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan dated June 10, 2025 is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Village's current Master Plan, and that adoption and implementation of the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan is in the public interest and protects public health and safety and promotes the general welfare.

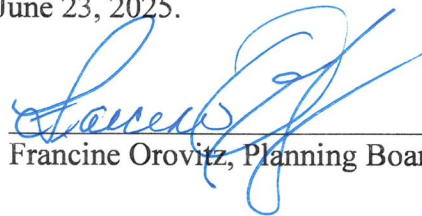
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Planning Board of the Village of Ridgefield Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, that the Planning Board hereby adopts the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.



Fredric Rosen, Chairman

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Planning Board of Village of Ridgefield Park at a regular meeting held on the June 23, 2025.



Francine Orovitz, Planning Board Secretary