

RESOLUTION NO. 167-2025 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON ENDORSING THE HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN FOR THE CITY'S MASTER PLAN FOR THE FOURTH ROUND AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATION

WHEREAS, in accordance with the New Jersey Fair Housing Act ("FHA"), N.J.S.A. 52:27D-310, as amended by P.L. 2024 c.2, the Administrative Directive #14-24, and the rules of the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing ("COAH") contained at N.J.A.C. 5:93 et seq., the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan ("HEFSP" or the "Plan") has been prepared for the City of Burlington ("City"), by the City's Director of Housing and Community Development, William J. Harris, P.P. attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, this Fourth Round HEFSP will serve as the foundation for the City's submission to the Superior Court of New Jersey and the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program ("Program"); and

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2025, the City Common Council adopted Resolution No. 59-2025, accepting the determination of the City's Fourth Round Present Need/Rehabilitation Obligation and Prospective Need established by the State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs ("DCA"); and

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2025, the City received a Court order affirming the City's Fourth Round obligations in the filed Declaratory Judgment Action; and

WHEREAS the City Land Use Board ("LUB"), upon notice duly provided consistent with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40:55D-13, conducted a hearing on May 28, 2025 regarding the HEFSP; and

WHEREAS, the LUB heard evidence in connection with the proposed HEFSP as an amendment to the Master Plan at the May 28, 2025 public hearing; and

WHEREAS, At the May 28, 2025 hearing on the HEFSP, the Board heard and considered the testimony and presentation of the HEFSP by the City Director of Housing and Community Development, William J. Harris, P.P.; and

WHEREAS, the LUB provided the general public an opportunity to comment on the HEFSP as an amendment to the Master Plan at the May 28, 2025 public hearing; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the public hearing, the LUB adopted the HEFSP, a true and correct copy of the adopting Resolution is attached hereto pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:96-2.2(a)2 as Exhibit "B"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington Common Council wishes to endorse the above-referenced HEFSP.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Burlington hereby endorses the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan as adopted by the City of Burlington Land Use Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Common Council of City of Burlington hereby endorses the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan as adopted by the City of Burlington Land Use Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Affordable Housing Attorney is hereby directed to file this Resolution as a supplement to the Round Four Housing Element and Fair Share Plan with the Program in the City's 2025 Declaratory Judgment Action.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED a certified copy of this Resolution and the City's HEFSP shall remain on file with the City Clerk's Office for the purpose of public inspection.


 Dawn Bergner-Thompson, President
 Common Council

Attest:


 Cindy A. Cuivaro, RMC
 Municipal Clerk

June 17, 2025

RECORD OF VOTE OF PASSAGE BY THE COMMON COUNCIL						
	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
BALLARD			✓			
CHACHIS		✓	✓			
HUTTON			✓			
RIJS			✓			
SPAULDING			✓			
WOODARD	✓		✓			
BERGNER-THOMPSON			✓			