LAND USE PLANNING BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON

RESOLUTION # 2025-18

ADOPTING THE HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE TOWNSHIP'S FOURTH ROUND AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATION AS DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN CHAPTER 2 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 2024, KNOWN AS THE 2024 AMENDMENTS TO THE FAIR HOUSING ACT

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2024, the Legislature promulgated Chapter 2 of the Public Laws of 2024, which amended the Fair Housing Act ("Act"), requiring municipalities to provide a realistic opportunity for their fair share of their housing region's present and prospective needs for affordable housing for very low-, low- and moderate-income households; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council adopted Resolution 2025-39 titled "The Description of the Basis for Determining Eastampton Township's Fourth Round Affordable Housing Obligation and the Determination of Eastampton Township's Fourth Round Present Need and Prospective Need for Providing Affordable Housing" on January 21, 2025 determining that the Township's respective Present Need is twenty-four (24) dwelling units and Prospective Need is thirty-five (35) dwelling units; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to procedures in accordance with the Act the Township of Eastampton ("Township" or "Eastampton") filed a complaint on January 23, 2025 captioned "In the Matter of the Application of the Township of Eastampton, County of Burlington" ("Complaint for Declaratory Judgment"), Docket No. BUR-L-000188–25, setting forth the basis for its Present Need and Prospective Need fourth-round affordable housing obligation in accordance with the formulas established in the Act; and

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2025, the Superior Court issued its "Order Fixing Municipal Obligations for 'Present Need' and 'Prospective Need' for the Fourth Round Housing Cycle for the Township fixing its Present Need as twenty-four (24) dwelling units and its Prospective Need as thirty-five (35) dwelling units and authorizing the Township to adopt its fourth round housing plan element and fair share plan ("HPEFSP") in accordance with the June 30, 2025 deadline set forth in the Act; and

WHEREAS, Mark A. Remsa, P.P., L.L.A. prepared the Township's HPEFSP titled "2025-2035 Fourth Round Housing Plan Element and Fair Share Plan",

dated May 19, 2025, which provides a realistic opportunity to address the Township's fourth round Present Need and Prospective Need affordable housing obligations in accordance with the Act; and

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2025, the Eastampton Township Land Use Planning Board held a duly advertised public hearing on the adoption of the 2025-2035 HPEFSP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Eastampton Township Land Use Planning Board adopts as the Township's housing element to its master plan, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-28b(3) and N.J.S.A. 52:27D-310, the HPEFSP prepared by Mark A. Remsa, P.P., L.L.A., titled "2025-2035 Fourth Round Housing Plan Element and Fair Share Plan," setting forth the Township's fourth round Present Need of twenty-four (24) dwelling units and Prospective Need of thirty-five (35) dwelling units for very low-, low- and moderate-income housing, and directing that the Land Use Administrator submit the HPEFSP to the Township Council for submission to the Courts and the New Jersey Fair Housing Act Administration pursuant to the Act.

Kim Johnson

Eastampton Township

Land Use Planning Board Administrator

Approved: June 18, 2025