

**TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHAMPTON  
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON**

**RESOLUTION 2025-89**

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE FOURTH ROUND  
HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN**

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

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Amended FHA and the Administrative Office of the Court’s Directive No. 14-24 (“Directive 14-24”), the Township of Southampton (“Township”) Committee adopted a “binding resolution” on January 21, 2025, as required by the Amended FHA, accepting the DCA-calculated Present Need and Prospective Need obligation, establishing its Fourth Round Present Need of thirty-three (33) units and Prospective Need of forty-four (44) units; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township filed a timely Fourth Round Declaratory Judgment action (“DJ Action”) with the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program (“Program”) under Docket No. BUR-L-157-25, along with its binding resolution, on January 22, 2025; and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, on April 8, 2025, the court prepared an order fixing the Township's obligation and authorizing the Township to proceed with preparing and adopting its Housing Element and Fair Share Plan for the Fourth Round ("Court Order"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township's Affordable Housing Planners, Rakesh R. Darji, PE, PP, CME, CFM and Pat VanBernum, AICP of Environmental Resolutions, Inc. ("Planner") have prepared a Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan ("Fourth Round HEFSP"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Southampton Planning Board ("Board"), at a duly noticed meeting held on June 26, 2025, reviewed the Fourth Round HEFSP and determined that it was consistent with the Master Plan and that implementation of the Fourth Round HEFSP is in the public interest and would promote the general welfare and, by Resolution No. 2025.14 dated June 26, 2025, adopted the Fourth Round HEFSP.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Committee of the Township of Southampton, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025, that:

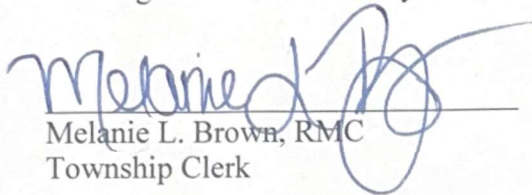
1. The Township Committee hereby endorses the Fourth Round HEFSP as adopted by the Board as an amendment to the Township's Master Plan and agrees to implement the Fourth Round HEFSP by adopting applicable ordinances.
2. The Mayor, Township Administrator, and Township Clerk, together with all other officers, professionals and employees of the Township are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all steps necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.



Adopted: June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025

COMMITTEE MEMBER	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	YES	ABSTAIN	NO	ABSENT
Arnold Harrison			✓			
Ronald Heston			✓			
William Raftery	1		✓			
Elizabeth Rossell		2	✓			
James Young			✓			

I, Melanie L. Brown, RMC, Southampton Township Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Southampton Township Committee at a Special Committee Meeting held on the 27th day of June 2025.

  
 Melanie L. Brown, RMC  
 Township Clerk

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