

**TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
COUNTY OF BURLINGTON
RESOLUTION 2025-06-10**

**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 Springfield (“Township”) Council adopted a “binding resolution” on January 29, 2025, as required by the Amended FHA, accepting the DCA-calculated Present Need and Prospective Need obligation, establishing its Fourth Round Present Need of two (2) units and Prospective Need of forty (40) 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-236-25, along with its binding resolution, on January 30, 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

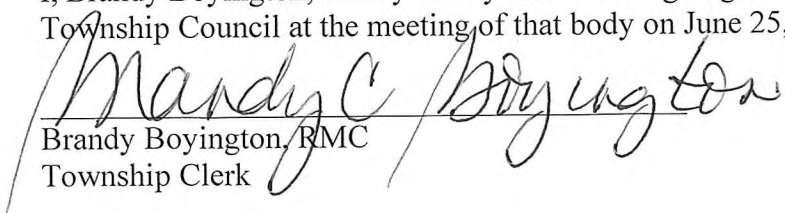
WHEREAS, the Township's Affordable Housing Planner, Leah Furey Bruder, PP, AICP, the Township's Affordable Housing Planner ("Planner") has prepared a Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan ("Fourth Round HEFSP"); and

WHEREAS, the Township of Springfield Land Development Board, acting in its capacity as a Planning Board ("Board"), at a duly noticed meeting held on June 24, 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. 2025-06-01LDB, dated June 24, 2025, adopted the Fourth Round HEFSP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Springfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, on this 25th day of June 2025, that:

1. The Township Council 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 Manager, 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.

I, Brandy Boyington, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Springfield Township Council at the meeting of that body on June 25, 2025.


Brandy Boyington, RMC
Township Clerk