BOROUGH OF BERLIN COUNTY OF CAMDEN

RESOLUTION R6-115:2025

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BERLIN, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY ENDORSING THE HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN FOR THE BOROUGH'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 Borough of Berlin ("Borough"), by the Borough's Affordable Housing Planner, Adam Warburton. PP. AICP, attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit "A"; and

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

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2025, the Mayor and Borough Council adopted Resolution 1-30:2025, accepting the determination of the Borough'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 March 28, 2025, the Borough received a Court order affirming the Borough's Fourth Round obligations in the filed Declaratory Judgment Action; and

WHEREAS the Borough Planning Board (the "Board"), upon notice duly provided consistent with the requirements of <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40:55D-13, conducted a hearing on June 23, 2025 regarding the HEFSP; and

WHEREAS, the Board heard evidence in connection with the proposed HEFSP as an amendment to the Master Plan at the June 23, 2025 public hearing; and

WHEREAS, At the June 23, 2025 hearing on the HEFSP, the Board heard and considered the testimony and presentation of the HEFSP by the Borough's Affordable Housing Planner, Adam Warburton, PP, AICP; and

WHEREAS, the Board provided the general public an opportunity to comment on the HEFSP as an amendment to the Master Plan at the June 23, 2025 public hearing; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the public hearing, the Board 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 Borough Council wishes to endorse the above-referenced HEFSP.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Berlin hereby endorses the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan as adopted by the Borough of Berlin Planning Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough 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 Borough's 2025 Declaratory Judgment Action.

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

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Name	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Badolato						1
Cummings	V		1			
Hohing			11			
Miller		1	1			
Mascarenhas						1
Wilkinson			1			

I, Rachel von der Tann, Municipal Clerk, do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution to be a true and complete copy of a Resolution duly adopted at a public meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Berlin held on June 26, 2025.

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Municipal Clerk