RESOLUTION NO. 213-25

ENDORSING THE HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP'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 Township of Voorhees ("Township"), by the Township's Deputy Director of Community Development, Jaclyn Bradley, 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 Township's submission to the Superior Court of New Jersey and the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program ("Program"); and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2025, the Mayor and Township Committee adopted Resolution 80-25, accepting the determination of the Township'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 Township received a Court order affirming the Township's Fourth Round obligations in the filed Declaratory Judgment Action; and

WHEREAS, the Township Planning Board (the "Board"), upon notice duly provided consistent with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 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 Township's Affordable Housing Planner, Malvika Apte, 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 Township of Voorhees Mayor and Committee wish to endorse the abovereferenced HEFSP.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Voorhees hereby endorse the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan as adopted by the Township of Voorhees Planning Board.

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

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

DATED: JUNE 26, 2025

MOTION: MRS. FETBROYT

AYES: 4

SECONDED: MR. PLATT

NAYS: NONE

APPROVED BY:

Michelle Nocito, Deputy

I, Dee Ober, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Voorhees, hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Voorhees at their meeting of June 26, 2025, held in the Municipal Building, 2400 Voorhees Town Center, Voorhees, NJ 08043.

Dee Ober, RMC Township Clerk