

**BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST
COUNTY OF CAPE MAY
NEW JERSEY**

Resolution No. 25-189

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
BOROUGH OF WILDWOOD CREST ENDORSING A FOURTH ROUND
HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Wildwood Crest (hereinafter the “Borough” or “Wildwood Crest”) has a demonstrated history of voluntary compliance as evidenced by its Third Round record; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to In re N.J.A.C. 5:96 and 5:97, 221 N.J. 1 (2015) (Mount Laurel IV), on July 8, 2015, the Borough of Wildwood Crest filed a Declaratory Judgment Complaint in Superior Court, Law Division seeking, among other things, a judicial declaration that its Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, to be amended as necessary, satisfied its “fair share” of the regional need for low and moderate income housing pursuant to the “Mount Laurel doctrine;” and

WHEREAS, that culminated in a Court-approved Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan and a Final Judgment of Compliance and Repose, which precludes all Mount Laurel lawsuits, including builder’s remedy lawsuits, until July 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Borough continues to actively implement its Court-approved Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan; and

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

WHEREAS, the Borough adopted a “binding resolution” accepting the DCA-calculated Present Need and Prospective Need, as required by the Amended FHA, on January 22, 2025, establishing its Fourth Round Present Need of 10 and Prospective Need of 25; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Amended FHA and the Administrative Office of the Court’s Directive No. 14-24, the Borough filed a timely Fourth Round Declaratory Judgment complaint (“DJ Complaint”) with the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program (“the Program”), along with its binding resolution, on January 24, 2025; and

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

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

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2025, the Court entered an order establishing the Borough’s Fourth Round Present Need of 10 and Prospective Need of 25; and

WHEREAS, now that the Borough has its Fourth Round Obligations, the Amended FHA requires the municipality to adopt a Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan by June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Amended FHA, the Borough’s affordable housing planner drafted a Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board held a public hearing on the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan on June 4, 2025 and adopted the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan via a resolution on that same night; and

WHEREAS, the Acting Administrative Director of the AOC issued Directive #14-24 on December 19, 2024, which stated that the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan should be endorsed by the municipal governing body; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wishes to endorse the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan.

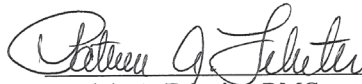
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Wildwood Crest, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Board of Commissioners hereby endorses the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, which was adopted by the Borough's Planning Board on June 4, 2025.
2. The Board of Commissioners hereby directs the Borough's Affordable Housing Counsel to (a) file with the Program and the Court, the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan if it has not done so already, along with any additional documents the professionals deem necessary or desirable and (b) seek Program and Court approval of the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan via a Compliance Certification.
3. The Borough reserves the right to further amend the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, should that be necessary.

	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Schiff	✓		✓			
Franco		✓	✓			
Cabrera			✓			

CERTIFICATION

I, Patricia A. Feketics, Borough Clerk for the Borough of Wildwood Crest, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a correct and accurate copy of a resolution adopted on June 11, 2025 with the voting record as indicated above.


 Patricia A. Feketics, RMC

Housing Plan Element and Fair Share Plan



Borough of Wildwood Crest

4th Round

2025

Approved by the Planning Board on (Insert date)

Adopted by the Mayor and Council via Resolution # , on (Insert date)

Prepared by



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