

**TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL  
COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND  
RESOLUTION 2025-70**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL  
ENDORING THE HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN ADOPTED BY THE HOPEWELL  
LAND USE BOARD**

**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 "FHA II"); and

**WHEREAS**, FHA II established a procedure by which municipalities can secure approval of a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan ("HEFSP"); and

**WHEREAS**, that procedure contemplated that municipalities would adopt a resolution by January 31, 2025 committing to a fair share number and filing a declaratory relief action within 48 hours from adoption of the resolution and then filing a HEFSP by June 30, 2025 and filing that plan within 48 hours with the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program (the "Program"); and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with this statutory procedure, the Township adopted a binding resolution on January 23, 2025 committing to a Fourth Round Present Need of 31 and Round 4 Prospective Need obligation of 67, subject to applicable adjustments;

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with this statutory procedure, the Township filed a declaratory relief action within 48 hours from adoption of the binding resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the filing of the DJ Complaint 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's affordable housing planning consultant, Brian Slaugh, PP, AICP, of Clarke Caton Hintz has prepared a HEFSP to address the Township's affordable housing obligations under FHA II; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hopewell Township Land Use Board adopted a HEFSP prepared by Mr. Slaugh on May 21, 2025, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the procedure established by FHA II, the Township's affordable housing counsel filed the duly adopted HEFSP with the Program created by FHA II within 48 hours from adoption; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee now wishes to endorse the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan adopted by the Hopewell Land Use Board and seek approval of the HEFSP by the Program and Court.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Township Committee hereby endorses the Fourth Round HEFSP previously adopted by the Hopewell Land Use Board and attached hereto.

2. The Township Committee hereby directs the Township's Affordable Housing Counsel to (a) file this resolution with the Program, along with any additional documents the professionals deem necessary or desirable; and (b) seek a Compliance Certification from the Program or Vicinage area judge as may be appropriate formally approving the Plan.
3. The Township reserves the right to further amend the HEFSP attached hereto, should that be necessary.

**Township of Hopewell**

By: Robin S. Freitag

**Robin S. Freitag, Mayor**

	MOVED	SECONDED	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Kelsey Bayzick			X				
David Miller			X				
Jeff Shimp		X	X				
Tom Tedesco	X		X				
Robin S. Freitag			X				

**CERTIFICATION**

I certify that the foregoing Resolution 2025-70 was duly adopted by the Township Committee of Hopewell Township at a regular meeting held on the June 12, 2025, at 6:30 pm at the Hopewell Township Municipal Building, 590 Shiloh Pike, Bridgeton, New Jersey 08302.

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Rosa-Maria Brambila, Acting Municipal Clerk/Registrar