

MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP
CUMBERLAND COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION NO. 100-2025

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING
TRUST FUND SPENDING PLAN**

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2024, Governor Murphy signed P.L.2024, c.2. into law, establishing a new framework for determining and enforcing municipalities' affordable housing obligations under the New Jersey Supreme Court's Mount Laurel doctrine and the New Jersey Fair Housing Act (the "FHA") (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et al.); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Administrative Directive #14-24 issued by the Administrative Office of the Courts on December 13, 2024, "[a] municipality seeking a certification of compliance with the [Fair Housing Act] shall file an action in the form of a declaratory judgment complaint and Civil Case Information Statement (Civil CIS) in the county in which the municipality is located"; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Maurice River (the "Township") filed a Complaint for Declaratory Judgement, captioned IMO Maurice River Township, Docket No. CUM-L-40-25 on January 17, 2025 identifying its present and prospective fair share obligation for the Fourth Round as set forth above and committing to adopting and submitting a fourth-round housing element and fair share plan as required by the FHA; and

WHEREAS, the Township will be putting into place a Development Fee Ordinance that establishes standards for the collection, maintenance, and expenditure of development fees to be used for providing low- and moderate-income housing in the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Development Fee Ordinance will establish an affordable housing trust fund that includes development fees, payments from developers in lieu of construction of affordable units on-site, barrier free escrow funds, repayments from affordable housing program loans, recapture funds, proceeds from the sale of affordable units; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 5:97-8.1(d) and N.J.S.A. 52:27D-329.2 require a municipality with an affordable housing trust fund to receive approval of a spending plan from a court of competent jurisdiction prior to spending any of the funds in its housing trust fund; and

WHEREAS, the Township Planner has prepared a spending plan consistent with N.J.A.C. 5:97-8.10, which is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to provide affordable housing opportunities through expenditure of funds through the Affordable Housing Trust Fund;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Maurice River, Cumberland County, New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Township Committee approves and adopts the Spending Plan attached hereto.
2. The Township Committee directs its professionals to file the attached Spending Plan with the Court.
3. The Township Committee reserves the right to amend the Spending Plan, should that be necessary.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

CERTIFICATION

I, DENISE L. PETERSON, Municipal Clerk of Maurice River Township, a Municipal Corporation of the State of New Jersey, located in the County of Cumberland, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of Maurice River Township at a regular meeting held in the Municipal Building, 590 Main Street, P. O. Box 218, Leesburg, New Jersey, 08327 on Thursday, June 26, 2025 at 10:00 am.

SIGNED:



Denise L. Peterson, Municipal Clerk