

TOWNSHIP OF UPPER DEERFIELD

RESOLUTION 25-112

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER
DEERFIELD ENDORSING THE HOUSING ELEMENT AND
FAIR SHARE PLAN ADOPTED BY THE UPPER
DEERFIELD PLANNING BOARD AND ADOPTING THE
SPENDING PLAN**

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2024, Governor Murphy signed P.L. 2024, c.2 into law, which amended the 1985 New Jersey Fair Housing Act; and

WHEREAS, the amended Fair Housing Act established a procedure by which municipalities can secure approval of a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan ("HEFSP") and secure immunity from builders remedy lawsuit while developing and seeking approval of a Plan; and

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

WHEREAS, the Township Committee tasked its Affordable Housing Consultant, Brian Slauch, PP, AICP to prepare a HEFSP to address the Township's affordable housing obligations under the amended Fair Housing Act; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Slauch prepared a HEFSP and following public hearing where the public was given an opportunity to be heard, the Upper Deerfield Planning Board adopted the HEFSP on June 9, 2025, which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the procedure established by amended Fair Housing Act, the Township Solicitor has filed the duly adopted HEFSP with the Program within 48 hours from adoption; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee now wishes to endorse the HEFSP adopted by the Upper Deerfield Planning Board, adopt the Spending Plan, and seek approval of the HEFSP by the Program and Court.

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

1. The Township Committee hereby endorses the HEFSP previously adopted by the Upper Deerfield Planning Board and attached hereto.

2. The Township Committee hereby directs the Township Solicitor, along with any additional documents the Affordable Housing Consultant deems necessary or desirable, to file with the Program; and to 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.

Moved By: William Whelan

Seconded By: Joseph Spoltore

VOTING

James P. Crilley
John L. Daddario
Thomas Speranza
Joseph Spoltore
William Whelan

<u>In Favor</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Upper Deerfield, in the County of Cumberland, at a meeting thereof held June 19, 2025.

Roy J. Spoltore, Township Clerk