

R.167.25

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DEPTFORD, COUNTY
OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ENDORSING THE
HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN ADOPTED BY
THE DEPTFORD PLANNING BOARD AND
ADOPTING THE SPENDING PLAN**

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2024, Governor Philip 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 Council tasked its Township Planner, Brian Slaugh, PP, AICP to prepare a HEFSP to address the Township's affordable housing obligations under the amended Fair Housing Act; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Slaugh prepared a HEFSP and following public hearing where the public was given an opportunity to be heard, the Deptford Planning Board adopted the HEFSP on June 18, 2025, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and which includes the Fourth Round Spending Plan; and

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

WHEREAS, the Township Council now wishes to endorse the HEFSP adopted by the Deptford 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 Council of the Township of Deptford, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, as follows:

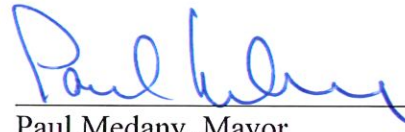
1. The Township Council hereby endorses the HEFSP previously adopted by the Deptford Planning Board and adopts the Spending Plan, attached hereto.
2. The Township Council hereby directs the Affordable Housing Special Counsel, along with any additional documents the Township Planner deems necessary or 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.

Township of Deptford

ATTEST:



Michelle Hack, RMC, Township Clerk



Paul Medany, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a Work Session Meeting of Township Council of the Township of Deptford held on the 23rd day of June, 2025 at the Municipal Building, 1011 Cooper Street, Deptford, New Jersey.

RECORD OF VOTE – Resolution R.167.25				
Council Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Medany	✓			
Barnshaw	✓			
Lamb	✓			
Leidy				✓
Love	✓			
Noce	✓			
Schocklin	✓			



Michelle Hack, RMC, Township Clerk

