

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
WOOLWICH ENDORSING THE HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE
PLAN ADOPTED BY THE WOOLWICH LAND USE BOARD
R-2025-164**

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, for ease in reference, this resolution shall refer to the Fair Housing Act as amended as "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 secure immunity while developing and seeking approval of an Affordable Housing Plan; 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 with the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program (the "Program") within 48 hours of adoption of the Plan; and

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

WHEREAS, the Township has asked its affordable housing planning consultant, Ashton Jones, P.P., AICP, CFM, Remington & Vernick Engineers to prepare a HEFSP to address the Township's affordable housing obligations under FHA II; and

WHEREAS, Ashton Jones, P.P., AICP, CFM, prepared a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan and the Joint Land Use Board of the Township (JLUB) adopted the Plan, attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the JLUB adopted the HEFSP on June 5, 2025; 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 Woolwich Township Land Use Board and seek approval of the HEFSP by the Program and Court.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Committee of the Township of Woolwich, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Township Committee hereby endorses the HEFSP previously adopted by the Woolwich 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.

Adopted this 16th day of June, 2025

TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH

ATTEST:

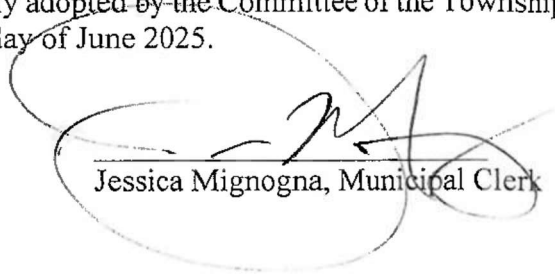
Jessica Mignogna, Clerk



Natalie Matthias, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Committee of the Township of Woolwich at a regular meeting held on the 16th day of June 2025.


Jessica Mignogna, Municipal Clerk