TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON COUNTY OF HUNTERDON STATE OF NEW JERSEY

## RESOLUTION 2025 - 134

## RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON ENDORSING THE 2025 FOURTH ROUND HOUSING ELEMENT & FAIR SHARE PLAN ADOPTED BY THE CLINTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD ON JUNE 30, 2025

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

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of the Amended FHA, Clinton Township's affordable housing planning consultant, Tom Behrens, PP/AICP, of the firm of Burgis Associates, Inc., prepared a fourth round housing element and fair share plan ("2025 HEFSP") entitled "Housing Element & Fair Share Plan, Township of Clinton, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, June 19, 2025"; and

WHEREAS, at a duly noticed special meeting held on June 30, 2025, the Clinton Township Planning Board ("Board" or "Planning Board") held a public hearing on the 2025 HEFSP; and

**WHEREAS**, at the conclusion of the public hearing, the Board determined that the proposed 2025 HEFSP will guide the use of lands in the Township in a manner that protects public health and safety and promotes the general welfare in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-28, is designed to achieve access to affordable housing to meet the Township's Fourth Round Mount Laurel constitutional affordable housing obligations, and considers the lands that are most appropriate for construction of low and moderate income housing in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:27D-310; and

WHEREAS, having made the above-mentioned findings, the Board adopted the 2025 HEFSP; and

WHEREAS, COAH's Prior Round rules at N.J.A.C. 5:91-2.2(a), require that the Township Committee endorse the 2025 HEFSP adopted by the Planning Board;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey as follows:

- 1. The findings set forth in the preamble to this resolution are incorporated as if restated in full herein.
- 2. The fourth round housing element and fair share plan entitled "Housing Element & Fair Share Plan, Township of Clinton, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, June 19,

2025" prepared by Burgis Associates, Inc. and adopted by the Clinton Township Planning Board at a special meeting held on June 30, 2025, is hereby endorsed.

- 3. The Township's Affordable Housing Counsel is hereby authorized and directed to submit the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan to the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division for approval as part of the Township's declaratory judgment action seeking a judgment of fourth round compliance and repose, and to undertake any and all other acts and file any and all other documents as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof.
- 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

ATTEST:

Acting Township Clerk

Adopted: June 30, 2025

Hon. Brian K. Mullay Mayor

## CERTIFICATION

I, Lindsay Heller, Acting Clerk of the Township of Clinton in Hunterdon County, New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton at a special meeting held on June 30, 2025.

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