RESOLUTION

NO. 2025-107

ADOPTED: JULY 10, 2025

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN ADOPTED BY THE PLANNING BOARD

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 N.J.S.A. 52:27D-304.1(f)(1)(b), each municipality must adopt a binding resolution no later than January 31, 2025 determining its present and prospective fair share obligation for the Fourth Round; 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" within 48 hours of adopting the municipal resolution of fair share obligations; and

WHEREAS, the East Amwell Township Committee (the "Committee") adopted Resolution No. 2025-45 January 6, 2025 identifying its present and prospective fair share obligation for the Fourth Round as follows:

Present Need: 4

Prospective Need: 44; and

WHEREAS, the Township of East Amwell (the "Township") filed a Complaint for Declaratory Judgement, captioned *IMO East Amwell Township*, Docket No. HNT-L-11-25 on January 8, 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, on March 27, 2025, the Hon. William G. Mennan, J.S.C. issued an order conforming the Township's identified affordable housing obligations and authorizing the Township to proceed with preparation and adoption of a fourth round housing plan by June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, upon notice duly provided pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:44D-13, the Planning Board held a public hearing on the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan (the "HEFSP") on June 17, 2025 and adopted the HEFSP on the same day; and

WHEREAS, a true copy of the HEFSP and the resolution of the Planning Board adopting the HEFSP is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the East Amwell Township Committee wishes to endorse the HEFSP and seeks approval of the HEFSP from the Court.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of East Amwell, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, as follows:

- 1. That it hereby endorses the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, as adopted by the East Amwell Township Planning Board on June 17, 2025 via the resolution, attached hereto as part of Exhibit A.
- 2. That it authorizes and directs its professionals to file with the Court (i) the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, (ii) the resolution of the Planning Board adopting and the Township Committee endorsing the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, and (iii) any additional documents the professionals deem necessary or desirable.
- 3. That it reserves the right to amend the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, should that be necessary.
- 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

ATTEST:

Linda Giliberti, RMC Township Clerk Jenna Casper-Bloom Mayor Pro Tem

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