



RESOLUTION 2026-37

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RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE AMENDED 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 Township of Holland (the "Township") adopted a binding resolution on January 21, 2025 identifying its present and prospective fair share obligation for the Fourth Round; and

WHEREAS, the Township filed a Declaratory Judgement on January 23, 2025, captioned *IMO Township of Holland*, Docket No. HNT-L-45-25, identifying its present and prospective fair share obligation for the Fourth Round and committing to adopting and submitting a fourth round housing element and fair share plan as required by the FHA; and

WHEREAS, the Court entered an Order on April 8, 2025 setting the Township's Fourth Round Affordable Housing Obligations as a Present Need of 3 and Prospective Need of 43 and authorizing the Township to proceed with preparation and adoption of a fourth round housing plan by June 30, 2025;

WHEREAS, upon notice duly provided pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:44D-13, the Land Use Board held a public hearing on the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan (the "HEFSP") on June 16, 2025 and adopted the HEFSP on the same day; and

WHEREAS, the Township Land Use Board adopted its HEFSP on June 16, 2025 and filed such with the Court on June 17, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Fair Share Housing Center ("FSHC") filed a challenge pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-304.1(f)(2)(b) regarding the Township's HEFSP on August 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Township and FSHC agreed to amicably resolve the issues set forth in FSHC's challenge and entered into a Mediation Agreement pursuant to Resolution #2025-183 adopted by the Township Committee on December 16, 2026; and

WHEREAS, FSHC requested revisions to such Mediation Agreement and the Township Committee entered into an Amended Mediation Agreement pursuant to Resolution #2026-___ adopted by the Township Committee on February 3, 2026 (the "Amended Mediation Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, after notice duly provided, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-13, the Board adopted the “2026 Amended Housing Element and Fair Share Plan” (“Amended HEFSP”) on February 9, 2026, a copy of which is attached hereto; and

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

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

1. That it hereby endorses the Amended Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, as adopted by the Township of Holland Land Use Board on February 9, 2026 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 Amended HEFSP, (ii) the resolution of the Land Use Board adopting and the Township Committee endorsing the Amended HEFSP, and (iii) any additional documents the professionals deem necessary or desirable.
3. That it reserves the right to further amend the Amended HEFSP, should that be necessary.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

I Melissa S. Tigar, Registered Municipal Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Holland at a regular and duly convened meeting held on February 17th, 2026.

In witness thereof, I have set my hand and affixed the seal of the Township of Holland this 17th day of February 2026.



MELISSA S. TIGAR, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk, Holland Township

