



## RESOLUTION 2025-87

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### 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 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 New Jersey Builder's Association ("NJBA") filed a challenge to the Declaratory Judgment Action; and

**WHEREAS**, the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program held a settlement conference on March 25, 2025 presided over by the Honorable Thomas C. Miller, A.J.S.C. (ret.); and

**WHEREAS**, Joseph Burgis, P.P. served as the Special Adjudicator at the Settlement Conference; and

**WHEREAS**, NJBA and the Township reached a settlement agreement during the Settlement Conference, which was placed on the record and endorsed by Judge Miller and Special Adjudicator Burgis setting the Township's Fourth Round Affordable Housing Obligations as follows:

Present Need: 3

Prospective Need: 43

**WHEREAS**, the Court entered an Order on April 8, 2025 approving such settlement 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**, a true copy of the HEFSP and the resolution of the Land Use Board adopting the HEFSP is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Holland 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 Holland, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, as follows:

1. That it hereby endorses the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, as adopted by the Township of Holland Land Use Board on June 16, 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 Land Use 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.

I, Melissa Tigar, 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 June 17, 2025.

In witness thereof, I have set my hand and affixed the seal of the Township of Holland the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025.

  
Melissa Tigar, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

