

RESOLUTION 2025-51
BOROUGH OF STOCKTON, HUNTERDON COUNTY
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 Stockton Borough Council (the "Council") adopted Resolution No. 2025-29 January 22, 2025 identifying its present and prospective fair share obligation for the Fourth Round: as follows:

Present Need: 0

Prospective Need: 20; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Stockton (the "Borough") filed a Complaint for Declaratory Judgement, captioned *IMO Stockton Borough*, Docket No. HNT-L-58-25 on January 24, 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 Borough 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 Planning Board held a public hearing on the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan (the "HEFSP") on June 3, 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 Stockton Borough Council wishes to endorse the HEFSP and seeks approval of the HEFSP from the Court.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Stockton, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, as follows:

1. That it hereby endorses the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, as adopted by the Stockton Borough Planning Board on June 3, 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 Borough Council 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.

Certification:

I, Laurie A. Courter, Clerk of the Borough of Stockton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Stockton on June 19, 2025.



Recoverable Signature

X Laurie A. Courter

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Borough Clerk

Signed by: 685d2eba-eb6f-474d-adb3-ea0385a4ce45

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the Borough this 19th day of June 2025.