

STOCKTON BOROUGH PLANNING BOARD, HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN AMENDED HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN

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, the FHA now requires, among other actions, that municipalities submit an adopted housing element in fair share plan on or before June 30, 2025;

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 Element and Fair Share Plan ("HEFSP") by June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Planning Board adopted its HEFSP on June 3, 2025 and filed such with the Court; 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 Borough’s HEFSP on August 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Borough and FSHC agreed to amicably resolve the issues set forth in FSHC’s challenge and entered into a Mediation Agreement pursuant to Resolution #2025-92 adopted by the Borough Council on December 17, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Mediation Agreement requires amendments to the HEFSP; and

WHEREAS, upon notice duly provided pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-13, the Stockton Borough Planning Board (the “Board”) held a public hearing on the 2026 Amended Fourth Round HEFSP (“Amended HEFSP”) on February 3, 2026 (the “Hearing”); and

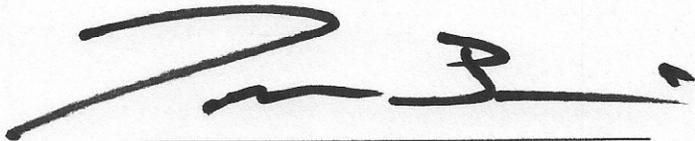
WHEREAS, at the Hearing, the Board Planner, Joanna Slagle, PP, AICP (the “Board Planner”), testified as to the “Amended Housing Element and Fair Share Plan” (“Amended HEFSP”) in general, the met and unmet affordable housing needs of the Township and the manner in which the Master Plan and the Amended HEFSP, as part of same, will address those needs; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of the testimony of the Board Planner, the Board has determined that the Amended HEFSP is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Borough Master Plan and that adoption and implementation of the HEFSP Plan are in the best interests of the public; protect the public health and safety; and, promote the general welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Stockton Borough Planning Board as follows:

1. The Board hereby approves and adopts the Amended HEFSP in substantially the same form as attached hereto.
2. The Board Planner and Board Attorney are authorized to correct any typographical or grammatical errors in the Amended HEFSP.
3. The Board Secretary shall publish notice of the adoption of this resolution and the Amended HEFSP in the official newspaper of the Board.
4. The Board Secretary shall also transmit a copy of this resolution and the adopted Amended HEFSP to the Borough Clerk and Council.
5. The Board Secretary shall provide a copy of this resolution and the adopted Amended HEFSP to the Hunterdon County Planning Board and New Jersey Office of Planning Advocacy, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-13.

6. The Borough Attorney is authorized to take all actions required by the FHA, including filing a copy of this Resolution and adopted HEFSP with the Superior Court.



John Bonanni, Chairman

Monica Orlando, Secretary

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Stockton Borough Planning Board at its meeting on February 3, 2026, and further certify that same is a true memorialization of the Official Action taken by the said Board at its regular meeting on February 3, 2025.

Monica Orlando, Secretary

THOSE IN FAVOR:

THOSE OPPOSED:

The above memorializing resolution was adopted on June 3, 2025 by the following vote of eligible Board members:

Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Bassett				
Bonanni				
Brown				
Harrison				
Lipsen				
Martino				
Meltzer				
Miller				

Wallace
Gallagher (Alt.)
Onusconich (Alt.)

ATTEST:

Monica Orlando
Board Secretary