

Borough of South Plainfield

Resolution No. 26-134

**ENDORISING THE AMENDMENT TO THE FOURTH ROUND HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN
ADOPTED BY THE PLANNING BOARD**

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield is constitutionally obligated to address its affordable housing obligations as established by the New Jersey Fair Housing Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq. and other applicable law (commonly referred to as “the Mount Laurel doctrine”); and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-28(b)(3) charges the Planning Board of the Borough of South Plainfield (hereinafter “Planning Board”) with adopting a Housing Element as part of the Borough’s Master Plan to set forth the municipality’s affordable housing obligation and to explain how the obligation will be addressed; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board adopted a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan (“HEFSP”) in June of 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Borough filed the 2025 Plan with the Program, an entity created pursuant to the Fair Housing Act (“FHA”) amended in 2024; and

WHEREAS, in the process established by the amended FHA, the Fair Share Housing Center (“FSHC”) filed objections to South Plainfield’s 2025 HEFSP; and

WHEREAS, the Borough and FSHC agreed to amicably resolve the issues set forth in the challenge through a mediation agreement that was executed in December 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Borough’s affordable housing planner prepared an amendment to the 2025 HEFSP to effectuate the changes to the plan that were agreed to by the Borough and the FSHC in the December 2025 mediation agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board adopted the Amendment at their regularly scheduled hearing on March 10, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have reviewed the Amendment and desire to formally endorse it in order to advance the Borough’s efforts to secure judicial approval of its affordable housing compliance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Mayor and Council hereby endorse the Amendment to the HEFSP.
2. The Mayor and Council authorize its professionals to provide supplemental information, clarifications, or certifications as may be reasonably required in connection with judicial review of the Township’s affordable housing compliance.
3. The Borough Clerk is directed to transmit copies of this Resolution, together with the Amendment to Affordable Housing Counsel so that Counsel may file the Amendment promptly.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

COUNCIL	MOTION	2 ND	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Bengivenga		X	X				
Councilman McConville			X				
Councilman Smith			X				
Councilman White	X		X				
Councilman Wolak			X				
Council President Faustini						X	
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I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Borough Council of South Plainfield Borough on March 16, 2026

Amy Antonides

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk – South Plainfield Borough