RESOLUTION PB2025-09

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2025 FOURTH ROUND HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN TOWNSHIP OF MILLSTONE, MONMOUTH COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

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") (<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 52:27D-301 *et al.*); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 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 Millstone (the "Township") adopted a binding resolution Number 14-62 in January 2025 identifying its present and prospective fair share obligation for the Fourth Round; and

WHEREAS, the Township filed a Declaratory Judgement in January 2025 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 FHA now requires, among other actions, that municipalities submit an adopted housing element in fair share plan on or before June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2025, the Hon. Linda Grasso Jones J.S.C. issued an order finding in favor of the Township's identified affordable housing obligation and authorizing the Township to proceed with preparation and adoption of a fourth round housing plan by June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, upon notice duly provided pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40:55D-13, the Planning Board of the Township of Millstone (the "Board") held a public hearing on the 2025 Fourth Round Housing Plan Element and Fair Share Plan on June 24, 2025 during which the document was presented to the public and Board, and opportunity for comments and questions were provided; and

WHEREAS, upon the conclusion of the public hearing, the Board determined that the proposed 2025 Fourth Round Housing Plan Element and Fair Share Plan is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Master Plan of the Township of Millstone, will guide the use of lands in the municipality in a manner which protects public health and safety and promotes the general

welfare in accordance with <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40:55D-28, and is designed to provide access to affordable housing to meet present and prospective housing needs in accordance with <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 52:27D-310;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by motion duly made and seconded, that the Planning Board of the Townsip of Millstone, Monmouth County, State of New Jersey, hereby adopts the 2025 Fourth Round Housing Plan Element and Fair Share Plan.

OFFERED BY:	Chairman Newman.
SECONDED BY:	Ms. Sinha.
ROLL CALL:	
YES:	Chairman Newman, C/M Ziner, C/W Zabrosky, Mr. Kotby, Mr. Lambros, Mr. Pepe, Ms. Sinha, Mr. Parrino and Mr. Cipriano.
NO:	
ABSTAIN:	
ABSENT:	Mr. Pado.

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the resolution adopting the 2025 Fourth Round Housing Plan Element and Fair Share Plan of the Township of Millstone, Monmouth County, State of New Jersey adopted by the Planning Board of the Township of Millstone at its meeting held on June 24, 2025.

Secretary, Planning Board Township of Millstone