

**BOROUGH OF SHREWSBURY
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

RESOLUTION 2025-105

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF BOROUGH SHREWSBURY ENDORSING
FOURTH ROUND HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Shrewsbury, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, (hereinafter, "Borough" or "Shrewsbury") has a demonstrated history of voluntary compliance with its constitutional affordable housing obligations and in fact obtained a Final Round Three Judgment of Compliance and Repose on July 18, 2019 from the Court in the matter captioned In the Matter of the Application of the Borough of Shrewsbury, County of Monmouth, Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Docket No. MON-L-2235-15 thereby immunizing the Borough from builder remedy litigation until July 1, 2025 (the "Third Round Litigation"); and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2024, Governor Murphy signed into law P.L. 2024, c.2, an Amendment to the 1985 Fair Housing Act (hereinafter "Amended FHA" or "Act") establishing the statutory calculation of the state-wide fair share obligation for the Fourth Round of affordable housing for the time period 2025-2035; and

WHEREAS, the Amended FHA requires the Department of Community Affairs ("DCA") to provide its calculation of every municipality's Fourth Round fair share affordable housing obligations based upon the criteria on the Amended FHA and the DCA issued a report on October 18, 2024 (the "DCA Report") wherein it supplied its calculation of the fair share affordable housing obligation for all municipalities, including the Borough of Shrewsbury; and

WHEREAS, the DCA Report calculated Shrewsbury's Fourth Round fair share obligations as follows: Present Need (Rehabilitation) Obligation of 35 and a Fourth Round Prospective Need (New Construction) Obligation of 96 affordable housing units; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council adopted Resolution 2025-032 accepting the DCA calculation of the Borough Fourth Round affordable housing obligation of a Present Need Obligation of 35 units and a Fourth Round Prospective Need obligation of 96 units, subject to the Borough's right to a Vacant Land Adjustment in accordance with N.J.S.A 52:27D-311 of the Amended Act; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the above, the Acting Administrative Director issued Directive #14-24 dated December 13, 2024 and pursuant to that Directive, a municipality seeking a certification of compliance with the Act is required to file a legal action in the form of a declaratory judgment complaint within 48 hours after adoption of the municipal resolution of fair share obligations, or by February 3, 2025, whichever is sooner; and

WHEREAS, the Borough filed a timely declaratory judgment complaint in accordance with AOC Directive #14-24 known as In the Matter of the Application of the Borough of Shrewsbury, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, Docket No. MON-L-000202-25 seeking a declaration as to the Borough's Fourth Round affordable housing obligation and the approval of the Borough's Housing Element and Fair Share Plan ("HESP") which sets forth the affordable housing mechanisms the Borough will implement to satisfy its Fourth Round affordable housing obligation; and

WHEREAS, the Amended FHA requires municipalities to adopt a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan ("HESP") by June 30, 2025 setting forth the Borough's affordable housing obligation and the mechanisms the Borough will establish to meet its constitutional obligation to provide for its fair share of affordable housing in order to maintain immunity from builder's remedy obligation; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Planner, David A. Cranmer, PE, PP, CME prepared the Fourth Round (2025-2035) Housing Element & Fair Share Housing Plan dated May 23, 2025, which concludes the Borough of Shrewsbury is entitled to rely upon a Vacant Land Adjustment resulting in a Realistic Development Potential of 2 affordable housing units with an Unmet Need of 94 affordable housing units; and

WHEREAS, the Land Use Board of the Borough of Shrewsbury, Monmouth County, State of New Jersey, upon notice duly provided pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-13, held a public hearing on the Fourth Round (2025-2035) Housing Element & Fair Share Housing Plan prepared by David A. Cranmer, PE, PP, CME on June 4, 2024 and considered the sworn testimony of Mr. Cranmer at the hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Land Use Board adopted a Resolution dated June 4, 2025 approving the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan; and

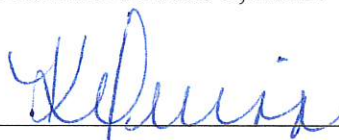
WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Shrewsbury believes it is in the best interest of the Borough to endorse the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan to obtain compliance certification from the Program/Court thereby protecting the Borough from exclusionary zoning litigation until July 1, 2035.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Shrewsbury, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that it hereby endorses the Fourth Round (2025-2035) Housing Element & Fair Share Housing Plan dated May 23, 2025 prepared by Borough Planner David A. Cranmer, PE, PP, CME.

I, Kerry Quinn, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Shrewsbury, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Shrewsbury Borough Council on June 9, 2025.

6/9/2025

Date



Kerry Quinn, RMC

Municipal Clerk

Council Members	Moved	Seconded	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Mr. Daly	x		x			
Ms. DerAsadourian						x
Mr. Eddy					x	
Mr. Levy			x			
Mr. McAvoy		x	X			
Ms. Morton					x	