

**RESOLUTION TC 26-070
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE - TOWNSHIP OF HARDING
MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
JANUARY 12, 2026**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HARDING ENDORSING THE
AMENDMENT TO THE HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN
ADOPTED BY THE HARDING PLANNING BOARD**

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2024, Governor Murphy signed P.L. 2024, c.2 into law, which amended the 1985 New Jersey Fair Housing Act; and

WHEREAS, for ease in reference, this resolution shall refer to the Fair Housing Act as amended as "FHA II"; and

WHEREAS, FHA II established a procedure by which municipalities can secure approval of a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan ("HEFSP") and secure immunity while developing and seeking approval of a Plan; and

WHEREAS, that procedure contemplated that municipalities would adopt a resolution by January 31, 2025 committing to a fair share number and filing a declaratory relief action within 48 hours from adoption of the resolution and then filing a HEFSP by June 30, 2025 with the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program (the "Program") within 48 hours of adoption of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Township having previously adopted an HEFSP dated June 12, 2025, and having timely the HEFSP with the Court; and

WHEREAS, following the adoption and filing of the HEFSP, there was a statutory deadline to file comments/objections to the HEFSP by August 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, several interested parties filed objections to the Township's HEFSP; and

WHEREAS, as a result of those objections, certain changes to the HEFSP were required; and

WHEREAS, the Township authorized the preparation of an amendment to HEFSP, prepared by Michael F. Sullivan, ASLA, AICP, and Elaine Clisham, PP/AICP, attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and dated December 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Harding Township Planning Board adopted the HEFSP on December 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Affordable Housing Counsel filed the duly adopted Amendment to the HEFSP with the Program within 48 hours from adoption; and

WHEREAS, the Township now wishes to endorse the Amendment to the HEFSP adopted by the Harding Planning Board and seek approval of the HEFSP by the Program and Court.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Township Council hereby endorses the Amendment to the HEFSP previously adopted by the Harding Planning Board and attached hereto.

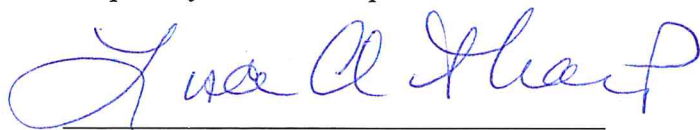
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2. The Township Council hereby directs the Township's Affordable Housing Counsel to (a) file this resolution with the Program, along with any additional documents the professionals deem necessary or desirable; and (b) seek a Compliance Certification from the Program or Vicinage area judge as may be appropriate formally approving the Plan.
3. The Township reserves the right to further amend the HEFSP attached hereto, should that be necessary.

DATED: January 12, 2026

I, Lisa A. Sharp, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Harding, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify the foregoing resolution to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee at the meeting held on January 12, 2026.



Lisa A. Sharp, Municipal Clerk

Vote on Resolution:

	MOTION	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN
Ms. Chipperson		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Lacz	1 st	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Platt		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Yates	2 nd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jones		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>