RESOLUTION TC 25-126 TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE – TOWNSHIP OF HARDING MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY JUNE 24, 2025

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

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2024, Governor Murphy signed <u>P.L. 2024, c.2</u> 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 asked its affordable housing planning consultant, McKinely Mertz, PP/AICP, of Heyer & Gruel Associates to prepare a HEFSP to address the Township's affordable housing obligations under FHA II; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mertz, prepared a HEFSP and the Harding Planning Board adopted the HEFSP which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the procedure established by FHAII, the Township's Affordable Housing Counsel filed the duly adopted HEFSP with the Program within 48 hours from adoption; and

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

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

- 1. The Township Committee hereby endorses the HEFSP previously adopted by the Harding Planning Board and attached hereto.
- 2. The Township Committee 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.

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DATED : June 24, 2	D	ATE	D:	June	24.	2025
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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 June 24, 2025.

Lisa A. Sharp, Municipal Clerk

Vote on Resolution:

	MOTION	FOR Approval	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Ms. Chipperson		APPROVAL	APPROVAL		
Dr. Lacz		$\overline{\boxtimes}$			
Mr. Platt		\boxtimes			
Mr. Yates	1 st	\boxtimes			
Mr. Jones	2^{nd}	\boxtimes			