

**RESOLUTION NO. R-25-129**

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE 2025 HOUSING ELEMENT  
AND FAIR SHARE PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Rockaway, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, (hereinafter, “Rockaway”) has a demonstrated history of voluntary compliance with its constitutional affordable housing obligations; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 20, 2024, Governor Phil Murphy signed into law P.L. 2024, c.2, an Amendment to the 1985 Fair Housing Act (hereinafter “Amended FHA” or “Act”); and

**WHEREAS**, among other things, the Act abolished the Council on Affordable Housing (hereinafter, “COAH”), and replaced it with seven retired, on recall judges designated as the Program and authorized the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts, (hereinafter, respectively, “Director” and “AOC”) to create a framework to process applications for affordable housing compliance certification; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Act and to Directive #14-24 issued by the Director on December 13, 2024, a municipality desiring to participate in the Program was obligated to take the following actions by January 31, 2025: (1) adopt a “binding resolution” determining its present and prospective need affordable housing obligations and (2) to file an action in the form of a declaratory judgment complaint in the County in which the municipality is located within 48 hours after the municipality’s adoption of a binding resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, Rockaway adopted a binding resolution on its present and prospective need affordable housing obligations and filed the required declaratory judgment action in a timely manner; and

**WHEREAS**, the Act also requires that a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan (hereinafter, “HEFSP”) be prepared and adopted by the Rockaway Planning Board (hereinafter, “Planning Board”), and endorsed by the Rockaway Governing Body (hereinafter, “Governing Body”), by June 30, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board adopted the HEFSP entitled “Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, Township of Rockaway, Morris County, New Jersey” prepared by Burgis Associates Inc dated June 16, 2025 (“2025 HEFSP”), as an amendment to Rockaway’s Master Plan on June 16, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body desires to endorse 2025 HEFSP adopted by the Planning Board on June 16, 2025.

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

1. The Governing Body does hereby endorse the 2025 HEFSP adopted by the Planning Board on June 16, 2025.
2. The Governing Body does hereby authorize the filing of this Resolution endorsing the 2025 HEFSP adopted by the Planning Board on eCourts for review by the Program.
3. The Mayor and Clerk, together with other appropriate officers and employees of Rockaway, are hereby authorized to take all steps necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

### CERTIFICATION

I, **Adele Wadleigh**, Acting Municipal Clerk of the Township of Rockaway, hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Township of Rockaway at a duly convened meeting held on **June 24, 2025**.

  
Adele Wadleigh, Acting Municipal Clerk

Approved:

  
Howard Morrison, Council President