## **RESOLUTION 2025-41**

## RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SHIP BOTTOM ADOPTING PRESENT AND PROSPECTIVE NEED CALCULATIONS FOR THE PERIOD FROM 2025 TO 2035

WHEREAS, by way of P.L. 2024, c. 2, the State of New Jersey has created the "Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program" (the "Program") within the judiciary through which the judiciary reviews and grants a certification of compliance pursuant to the Fair Housing Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq., for municipalities adopting housing element and fair share plans that include the constitutional obligation to create realistic opportunities for low- and moderate-income households; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Ship Bottom (the "Borough") wishes to preserve its ability to seek a certification of compliance pursuant to the Fair Housing Act, by formally determining and calculating its present and prospective need, and authorizing the filing of a declaratory judgment through the Program; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has reviewed the calculations prepared by the Department of Community Affairs for the period from 2025 to 2035, which determined that the Borough has a present need of 0 units and a prospective need of 44 units; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined that the calculations of present and prospective need for low- and moderate-income households thereunder appears to conform to the standards established under the Fair Housing Act, and wishes to accept these calculations; and

WHEREAS, the Borough is located entirely within an environmentally constrained area, due to its location on a barrier island located within the flood zones, and the Borough anticipates relying upon a vacant land adjustment as part of its mechanisms of compliance; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to adopt a binding resolution, pursuant to the Fair Housing Act, committing to the adoption of a housing element and fair share plan within the timelines established by the Fair Housing Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Ship Bottom as follows:

- 1. The Borough has determined that its present need obligation for affordable housing during the period from 2025 to 2035 is 0 units.
- 2. The Borough has determined that its prospective need obligation for affordable housing during the period from 2025 to 2035 is 44 units.
- 3. The Borough's special affordable housing counsel, Gibbons P.C., is hereby authorized to file an declaratory judgment action within the Program seeking a certificate of compliance.
- 4. A copy of this resolution shall be posted on the municipal website of the Borough within forty-eight (48) hours.

PASSED ON: January 28, 2025

## **CERTIFICATION**

I, Kristy DeBoer, Municipal Clerk for the Borough of Ship Bottom, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by Council of the Borough of Ship Bottom at a regular meeting held on January 28, 2025.

Kristy DeBoer, RMC, CMR

Municipal Clerk