PILESGROVE TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION 2025-057

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PILESGROVE ENDORSING A FOURTH ROUND HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN

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

WHEREAS, the Township adopted a "binding resolution" on January 28, 2025, accepting its DCA calculated Fourth Round Present Need Obligation of Zero (0) and Fourth Round Prospective Need Obligation of 20; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Amended FHA and the Administrative Office of the Court's Directive No. 14-24, the Township filed a timely Fourth Round Declaratory Judgment complaint ("DJ Complaint") with the Court and the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program ("the Program"), along with its binding resolution, on January 29, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the filing of the DJ Complaint gave the Township automatic, continued immunity from all exclusionary zoning lawsuits, including builder's remedy lawsuits, which is still in full force and effect; and

WHEREAS, the Township did not receive any objections to its Present and Prospective Need Obligations by February 28, 2025, resulting in the statutory automatic acceptance of the Township's Fourth Round obligations on March 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2025, the Court entered an order establishing the Township's Fourth Round Present Need Obligation of Zero (0) and Fourth Round Prospective Need Obligation of 20; and

WHEREAS, now that the Township has its Fourth Round Obligations, the Amended FHA requires the municipality to adopt and file a Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan by June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Amended FHA, the Township's affordable housing planner drafted a Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board held a public hearing on the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan on June 18, 2025 and adopted the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan via a resolution on that same night; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee wishes to endorse the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan that was adopted by the Planning Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Committee of the Township of Pilesgrove, County of Salem, State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 1. The Township Committee hereby endorses the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan attached hereto as Exhibit A, which was adopted by the Township's Planning Board on June 18, 2025.
- 2. The Township Committee hereby directs the Township's Affordable Housing Counsel to seek Program and Court approval of the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan via a Compliance Certification, and to take whatever actions are necessary to maintain the Township's immunity from all Mount Laurel exclusionary zoning lawsuits.

3. The Township reserves the right to further amend the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, should that be necessary.

Kevin Eachus, Mayor

ATTEST:

June 24, 2025

Melissa Fackler, Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the resolution adopted by the Pilesgrove Township Committee at a meeting held on the 24th day of June, 2025.

Melissa Fackler, Clerk