BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG RESOLUTION: R7

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG PLANNING BOARD IN CONNECTION WITH THE BOROUGH'S FOURTH ROUND AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMPLIANCE

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of a duly noticed public hearing on June 9, 2025, the Borough of Watchung Planning Board ("Planning Board") adopted a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan to the Borough of Watchung's Master Plan, prepared by Mark Healey, AICP, PP, which was memorialized by Resolution adopted on June 17, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Watchung has reviewed the adopted Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, and agrees with the Planning Board's finding that it complies with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-28, and the amended Fair Housing Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301, et seq. ("FHA"), in that it is designed to achieve the goal of providing the realistic development of affordable housing to meet the Borough's present and prospective affordable housing needs for the Fourth Round; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council further agrees with the Planning Board's determination that the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Borough of Watchung's Master Plan, and that the adoption and implementation of the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan is in the public interest and will protect public health and safety, and promote the general welfare of the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the Borough Council hereby approves and endorses the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan as adopted by the Planning Board on June 9, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance with the FHA and the Administrative Directive #14-24, dated December 13, 2024, the Borough Attorney and other appropriate Borough official is hereby authorized to submit the adopted and endorsed Housing Element and Fair Share Plan with the Affordable Housing Alternative Dispute Program through the New Jersey Court system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect pursuant to law.

Robert Gibbs, Council Member

Ronald Jubin, Ph.D. Mayor

ADOPTED: JUNE 19, 2025

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BOARD CLERK,

ATTORNEY