

Explanation: This Resolution of the Township Committee of the Township of Springfield is endorsing a Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan.

**TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-197**

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” challenging the DCA-calculated Present Need and Prospective Need, as required by the Amended FHA, on January 28, 2025, establishing its Fourth Round Present Need of 53 and Prospective Need of 239; 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 received an objection to its Fourth Round affordable housing obligations established in the DJ Complaint and resolution on February 27, 2025, which required a settlement negotiation between the Township and the objector; and

WHEREAS, the settlement negotiations resulted in the entering into of a Mediation Agreement between the Township and the objector that established agreed upon adjusted Fourth Round obligations, which was subsequently approved via a resolution adopted by the Township on April 8, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2025, the Court entered an order establishing the Township’s Fourth Round Present Need of 53 and Prospective Need of 262; 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 Township of Springfield Planning Board held a public hearing on the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan on June 19, 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 Springfield, County of Union, 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 19, 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.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

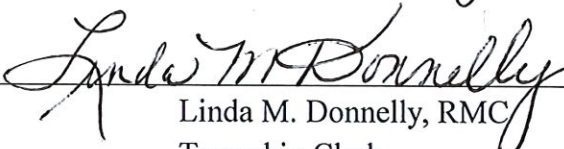
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By: 
Richard Huber, Mayor

Adopted:
June 24, 2025

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Committee of the Township of Springfield at a regular meeting held on the 24 day of June 2025.


Linda M. Donnelly, RMC
Township Clerk

