

**ORDINANCE #2026-04  
CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF FRELINGHUYSEN DELETING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 20 “AFFORDABLE HOUSING” TO UPDATE THE TOWNSHIP’S AFFORDABLE HOUSING ORDINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT FEE ORDINANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 2025 UNIFORM HOUSING AFFORDABILITY CONTROLS, DECEMBER 2025 N.J.A.C. 5:99 REGULATIONS, AND THE AMENDED FAIR HOUSING ACT**

**WHEREAS**, P.L. 2024, c. 2 (“FHA-2”), sets forth deadlines for municipalities to complete the Fourth-Round affordable housing compliance process in order to secure a Compliance Certification from the County Mount Laurel Judge; and

**WHEREAS**, a Compliance Certification protects municipalities from exclusionary zoning and builder’s remedy litigation for the ten-year period commencing on July 1, 2025 and continuing to June 30, 2035; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the FHA-2, the Township of Frelinghuysen filed a Declaratory Judgment Action on January 27, 2025 seeking a certification of compliance with the Fair Housing Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has been working diligently and has been fully compliant throughout the entire Fourth Round affordable housing process, and to date the Township has met all deadlines imposed by the State under the FHA-2; and

**WHEREAS**, the Frelinghuysen Land Use Planning Board adopted the 2025 Housing Element & Fair Share Plan for the Fourth Round on June 18, 2025, which was duly endorsed by the Township Committee, and timely filed with the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Frelinghuysen Land Use Planning Board has adopted the Amended 2025 Housing Element & Fair Share Plan for the Fourth Round, which has been endorsed by the Township Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has entered into a Consent Order with Fair Share Housing Center that requires all of the implementing documents, including an Affordable Housing Ordinance and Development Fee Ordinance, to be adopted by March 15, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, new N.J.A.C. 5:99 regulations and new Uniform Affordability Housing Controls rules were adopted in December of 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-304.1f(2)(c) of the FHA-2, the Township is required to adopt all Fourth Round affordable housing implementation ordinances by March 15, 2026 as a condition of securing a Compliance Certification from the Court; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to protect the interests of the Township and maintain compliance with P.L. 2024, c.2; the Township Committee finds it necessary and proper to adopt updated affordable housing ordinances to conform with recent changes to State statutory and regulatory

laws; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township seeks to repeal and replace its existing Affordable Housing Ordinance and Development Fee Ordinance at Chapter 20 of the Code of the Township of Frelinghuysen in order to reflect recent changes with New Jersey statutory and regulatory law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Frelinghuysen, in the County of Warren, that:

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 20 of the Code of the Township of Frelinghuysen entitled “Affordable Housing” is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced as follows:

Chapter 20 Affordable Housing

**§20-1 AFFORDABLE HOUSING REGULATIONS.**

**§20-1.1 Purpose, Interpretation & Applicability.**

- a. This Chapter of the Code sets forth regulations regarding the creation, use occupancy, administration and preservation of very low-, low- and moderate-income housing units in the Township of Frelinghuysen consistent with the provisions the Mount Laurel doctrine; the New Jersey Fair Housing Act, as amended by P.L 2024, c.2, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq., (hereinafter the “Act,” “FHA” or “FHA-2”); the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Planning Services (“LPS”) at N.J.A.C. 5:99 et seq., and the Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency’s (“HMFA”) Uniform Housing Affordability Controls (“UHAC”) at N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et seq.; and as reflected in the adopted municipal Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan (“HEFSP”).
- b. This Chapter is intended to ensure that very low-, low- and moderate-income units (“affordable units”) are created with controls on affordability over time and that very low-, low- and moderate-income households shall occupy these units pursuant to statutory requirements. This section shall apply to all inclusionary developments, individual affordable units, and 100% affordable housing developments except where inconsistent with applicable law. Low-Income Housing Tax Credit financed developments shall adhere to the provisions set forth in subsection 20-1.1e.3 below.
- c. The Frelinghuysen Land Use Planning Board has adopted a HEFSP pursuant to the Municipal Land Use Law at N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1, et seq. The Fair Share Plan describes the ways the municipality shall address its fair share of very low-, low- and moderate-income housing as approved by the Superior Court and documented in the Housing Element.
- d. This Chapter implements and incorporates the relevant provisions of the HEFSP and addresses the requirements of the Mt. Laurel doctrine, the FHA, N.J.A.C. 5:99 et seq, NJ Supreme Court upheld COAH regulations at N.J.A.C. 5:93 and 5:97, and the UHAC at N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et seq, as may be amended and supplemented.
- e. Applicability.
  1. Except where specifically exempted hereinafter, the provisions of this Chapter shall apply to all affordable housing developments and affordable housing units that

currently exist and that are proposed to be created pursuant to the municipality's most recently adopted HEFSP.

2. Except where specifically exempted hereinafter, this Chapter shall also apply to any unanticipated future developments that will provide very low-, low- and moderate-income housing units.
  3. Projects receiving federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit financing and are proposed for credit shall be required to follow the UHAC unless exempt pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1, including but not limited to developments with anticipated funding from the Federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) pursuant to Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code. Developers, landlords, and program sponsors of LIHTC developments shall be required to comply with administration and affirmative marketing requirements of the UHAC for the affordable units within such developments. The length of the affordability controls applicable to such projects shall be not less than a 30-year compliance period plus a 15-year extended-use period, for a total of not less than 45 years.
  4. A waiver from any provision of the UHAC, the DLPS's Affordable Housing Regulations or the provisions of this Chapter may be granted by the County-level Mount Laurel Judge, the Program or any trial court if it would advance the interests of low-and moderate-income households or if strict compliance would cause an unreasonable result.
- f. Interpretation.
1. In the event of any ambiguity, the provisions of this Chapter shall be interpreted and liberally construed in favor of the Township.
  2. Nothing herein is intended to modify the Township's right to rely upon the most favorable version of the Council on Affordable Housing's regulations on municipal credits, adjustments and compliance mechanisms at N.J.A.C. 5:93 and 5:97, unless such regulations are contradicted by statute or more recently adopted regulation, including P.L. 2024, c.2, or have been held invalid by binding court precedent in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:27D-311m.
- g. Highlands Affordable Housing Ordinance.
1. Any development consisting of five or more newly constructed residential units shall reserve for occupancy at least 20 percent (20%) of the residential units constructed for low- or moderate-income households.
  2. Development exempt from the Highlands Act is not exempt from the 20% reservation requirement.
  3. A minimum of thirteen percent (13%) of the affordable units shall be reserved for very-low-income households pursuant to section 7 of P.L.2008, c.46 (C.52:27D-329.1).
  4. No density bonus or presumptive density increase over existing zoning shall be required to be granted by the municipality for the construction of the affordable housing units on site. Density bonuses or presumptive density increases may be provided through Fair Share Plans and implementing ordinances to address affordable housing needs of the municipality where inclusionary housing projects are selected as a

compliance mechanism by the municipality.

5. Municipalities shall provide for the local review of the required 20% set aside of affordable units to be provided by requiring the submission of an Affordable Housing Production Plan in accordance with the following:
  - (a) An Affordable Housing Production Plan shall detail all issues related to affordable units and must be submitted to the municipality's Development Review Board at the time application is made for any development requiring affordable housing pursuant to this ordinance.
  - (b) The Affordable Housing Production Plan shall be a condition of the completeness determination and is hereby added to the submission requirements checklist for any new residential development or major residential subdivision proposing five or more new units.
  - (c) The Affordable Housing Production Plan shall include at a minimum the anticipated bedroom distribution, income split, anticipated administrative entity, tenure, maintenance obligations and any other information pertinent to the creation and long-term support of the affordable housing units.
  - (d) All Affordable Housing Production Plans shall be the subject of review by the municipality's Planning, Zoning, or Land Use Board for consistency with these guidelines and the municipality's certified Housing Element and Fair Share Plan.
  - (e) Compliance with the Fair Housing Act and the Affordable Housing Production Plan shall be a condition of any local approval.
  - (f) Any approval shall be accompanied by a requirement for a development agreement between the applicant and the municipality.
  - (g) The development agreement shall detail the responsibilities of all parties and shall include the phasing plan for the construction and occupancy of the affordable housing units.

#### §20-1.2 **Definitions.**

As used herein the following terms shall have the following meanings:

##### **ACCESSORY APARTMENTS**

Shall mean a residential dwelling unit that provides complete independent living facilities with a private entrance for one or more persons, consisting of provisions for living, sleeping, eating, sanitation, and cooking, including a stove and refrigerator, and is located within a proposed preexisting primary dwelling, within an existing or proposed structure that is an accessory to a dwelling on the same lot, constructed in whole or part as an extension to a proposed or existing primary dwelling, or constructed as a separate detached structure on the same lot as the existing or proposed primary dwelling. Accessory apartments are also referred to as "accessory dwelling units".

##### **ACT, FHA, AND FHA-2**

Shall mean the New Jersey Fair Housing Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq. as amended by P.L. 2024, c.2.

**ADAPTABLE**

Shall mean constructed in compliance with the technical design standards of the barrier-free subcode adopted by the Commissioner of Community Affairs pursuant to the “State Uniform Construction Code Act,” P.L.1975, c. 217 (C.52:27D-119 et seq.) and in accordance with the provisions of section 5 of P.L.2005, c. 350 (C.52:27D-123.15).

**ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT**

Shall mean the entity approved by the Division responsible for the administration of affordable units, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:99-7, and UHAC at N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.15.

**AFFIRMATIVE MARKETING**

Shall mean a regional marketing strategy designed to attract buyers and/or renters of affordable units pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.16.

**AFFIRMATIVE MARKETING PLAN**

Shall mean the municipally adopted plan of strategies from which the administrative agent will choose to implement as part of the Affirmative Marketing requirements.

**AFFIRMATIVE MARKETING PROCESS or PROGRAM**

Shall mean the actual undertaking of Affirmative Marketing activities in furtherance of each project with very low- low- and moderate-income units.

**AFFORDABILITY ASSISTANCE**

Shall mean the use of funds to render housing units more affordable to low- and moderate-income households and includes, but is not limited to, down payment assistance, security deposit assistance, low interest loans, rental assistance, assistance with homeowner’s association or condominium fees and special assessments, common maintenance expenses, and assistance with emergency repairs and rehabilitation to bring deed-restricted units up to code, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:99-2.5.

**AFFORDABILITY AVERAGE**

Shall mean an average of the percentage of regional median income at which restricted units in an affordable development are affordable to low- and moderate-income households.

**AFFORDABLE**

Shall mean, in the case of an ownership unit, that the sales price for the unit conforms to the standards set forth at N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.7 and, in the case of a rental unit, that the rent for the unit conforms to the standards set forth at N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.13.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

Shall mean a development included in a municipality’s housing element and fair share plan, and includes, but is not limited to, an inclusionary development, a municipally sponsored affordable housing project, or a 100 percent affordable development. This includes developments with affordable units on-site, off-site, or provided as a payment-in-lieu of construction only if such a payment-in-lieu option has been previously approved by the Program or Superior Court as part of the HEFSP.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAM or THE PROGRAM**

Refers to the dispute resolution program established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-313.2.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING MONITORING SYSTEM or AHMS**

Shall mean the Department's cloud-based software application, which shall be the central repository for municipalities to use for reporting detailed information regarding affordable housing developments, affordable housing unit completions, and the collection and expenditures of funds deposited into the municipal affordable housing trust fund.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND or AHTF**

Shall mean that non-lapsing, revolving trust fund established in DCA pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-320 and N.J.A.C. 5:43 to be the repository of all State funds appropriated for affordable housing purposes. All references to the "Neighborhood Preservation Nonlapsing Revolving Fund" and "Balanced Housing" mean the AHTF.

**AFFORDABLE UNIT**

Shall mean a housing unit proposed or developed pursuant to the Act, including units created with municipal affordable housing trust funds.

**AGE-RESTRICTED HOUSING**

Shall mean a housing unit that is designed to meet the needs of, and is exclusively for, an age-restricted segment of the population such that: 1. All the residents of the development where the unit is situated are 62 years or older; 2. At least 80 percent of the units are occupied by one person who is 55 years or older; or 3. The development has been designated by the Secretary of HUD as "housing for older persons" as defined in Section 807(b)(2) of the Fair Housing Act, 42 U.S.C. § 3607.

**AGENCY**

Shall mean the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency established by P.L.1983, c. 530 (C.55:14K-1 et seq.).

**ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE**

Shall mean a facility licensed by the New Jersey Department of Health to provide apartment-style housing and congregate dining and to ensure that assisted living services are available when needed for four or more adult persons unrelated to the proprietor. Apartment units must offer, at a minimum, one unfurnished room, a private bathroom, a kitchenette, and a lockable door on the unit entrance.

**BARRIER-FREE ESCROW**

Shall mean the holding of funds collected to adapt affordable unit entrances to be accessible in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:27D-311a et seq. Such funds shall be held in a municipal affordable housing trust fund pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:99-2.6.

**BUILDER'S REMEDY**

Shall mean court-imposed site-specific relief for a litigant who seeks to build affordable housing for which the court requires a municipality to utilize zoning techniques, such as mandatory set-asides or density bonuses, including techniques which provide for the economic viability of a residential development by including housing that is not for low-

and moderate-income households.

**CERTIFIED HOUSEHOLD**

Shall mean a household that has been certified by an administrative agent as a very-low-income household, a low-income household, or a moderate-income household.

**CHOICE**

Shall mean the no-longer-active Choices in Homeownership Incentives for Everyone Program, as it was authorized by the Agency.

**COAH or the COUNCIL**

Shall mean the Council on Affordable Housing established in, but not of, DCA pursuant to the Act and that was abolished effective March 20, 2024, pursuant to section 3 at P.L. 2024, c. 2 (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-304.1).

**COMMISSIONER**

Shall mean the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs.

**COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION**

Shall mean the certification obtained by a municipality pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2024, c. 2 (C.52:27D-304.1), that protects the municipality from exclusionary zoning litigation during the current round of present and prospective need and through July 1 of the year the next round begins, which is also known as a “judgment of compliance” or “judgment of repose.” The term “compliance certification” shall include a judgment of repose granted in an action filed pursuant to section 13 of P.L.1985, c. 222 (C.52:27D-313).

**CONSTRUCTION**

Shall mean new construction and additions, but does not include alterations, reconstruction, renovations, conversion, relocation, or repairs, as those terms are defined in the State Uniform Construction Code promulgated pursuant to the State Uniform Construction Code Act, P.L. 1975, c. 217(N.J.S.A. 52:27D-119 et seq.).

**COUNTY-LEVEL HOUSING JUDGE**

Shall mean a judge appointed pursuant to section 5 at P.L. 2024, c. 2, to resolve disputes over the compliance of municipal fair share affordable housing obligations and municipal Fair Share plans and housing elements with the Act.

**DCA and DEPARTMENT**

Shall mean the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

**DEFICIENT HOUSING UNIT**

Shall mean a housing unit with health and safety code violations that require the repair or replacement of a major system. A major system includes weatherization, roofing, plumbing (including wells), heating, electricity, sanitary plumbing (including septic systems), lead paint abatement, and/or load-bearing structural systems.

**DEPARTMENT**

Shall mean the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

**DEVELOPER**

Shall mean the legal or beneficial owner or owners of a lot or of any land proposed to be included in a proposed development, including the holder of an option or contract to purchase, or other person having an enforceable proprietary interest in such land.

**DEVELOPMENT**

Shall mean the division of a parcel of land into two or more parcels, the construction, reconstruction, conversion, structural alteration, relocation, or enlargement of any building or other structure, or of any mining, excavation, or landfill, and any use or change in the use of any building or other structure, or land or extension of use of land, for which permission may be required pursuant to the Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 et seq.

**DEVELOPMENT FEE**

Shall mean money paid by a developer for the improvement of residential and non-residential property as permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-329.2 and N.J.S.A. 40:55D-8.1 through 40:55D-8.7 and N.J.A.C. 5:99-3.

**DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAM**

Shall mean the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program, established pursuant to section 5 at P.L. 2024, c. 2 (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-313.2).

**DIVISION**

Shall mean the Division of Local Planning Services within the Department of Community Affairs.

**EMERGENT OPPORTUNITY**

Shall mean a circumstance that has arisen whereby affordable housing will be able to be produced through a delivery mechanism not originally contemplated by or included in a fair share plan that has been the subject of a compliance certification.

**EQUALIZED ASSESSED VALUE or EAV**

Shall mean the assessed value of a property divided by the current average ratio of assessed to true value for the municipality in which the property is situated, as determined in accordance with sections 1, 5, and 6 at P.L. 1973, c. 123 (N.J.S.A. 54:1-35a, 54:1-35b, and 54:1-35c). Estimates at the time of building permit may be obtained by the tax assessor using construction cost estimates. Final EAV shall be determined at project completion by the municipal assessor.

**EQUITY SHARE AMOUNT**

Shall mean the product of the price differential and the equity share, with the equity share being the whole number of years that have elapsed since the last non-exempt sale of a restricted ownership unit, divided by 100, except that the equity share may not be less than five percent and may not exceed 30 percent.

**EXIT SALE**

Shall mean the first authorized non-exempt sale of a restricted unit following the end of the control period, which sale terminates the affordability controls on the unit.

**EXCLUSIONARY ZONING LITIGATION**

Shall mean litigation challenging the fair share plan, housing element, ordinances, or resolutions that implement the fair share plan or housing element of a municipality based on alleged noncompliance with the Act or the Mount Laurel doctrine, which litigation shall include, but shall not be limited to, litigation seeking a builder's remedy.

**EXTENSION OF EXPIRING CONTROLS**

Shall mean extending the deed restriction period on units where the controls will expire in the current round of a housing obligation, so that the total years of a deed restriction is at least 60 years.

**FAIR SHARE OBLIGATION**

Shall mean the total of the present need and prospective need, including prior rounds, as determined by the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program, or a court of competent jurisdiction.

**FAIR SHARE PLAN**

Shall mean the plan or proposal, with accompanying ordinances and resolutions, by which a municipality proposes to satisfy its constitutional obligation to create a realistic opportunity to meet its fair share of low- and moderate-income housing needs of its region and which details the affirmative measures the municipality proposes to undertake to achieve its fair share of low- and moderate-income housing, as provided in the municipal housing element, and which addresses the development regulations necessary to implement the housing element, including, but not limited to, inclusionary requirements and development fees, and the elimination of unnecessary housing cost-generating features from the municipal land use ordinances and regulations.

**GREEN BUILDING STRATEGIES**

Shall mean the strategies that minimize the impact of development on the environment, and enhance the health, safety and well-being of residents by producing durable, low-maintenance, resource-efficient housing while making optimum use of existing infrastructure and community services.

**HMFA or the AGENCY**

Shall mean the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency established pursuant to P.L. 1983, c. 530 (N.J.S.A. 55:14K-1 et seq.).

**HOUSEHOLD INCOME**

Shall mean a household's gross annual income calculated in a manner consistent with the determination of annual income pursuant to section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (Section 8), not in accordance with the determination of gross income for Federal income tax liability.

**HOUSING ELEMENT**

Shall mean the portion of a municipality's master plan adopted in accordance with the Municipal Land Use Law (MLUL) at N.J.S.A. 40:55D-28.b(3) and the Act consisting of reports, statements proposals, maps, diagrams, and text designed to meet the municipality's fair share of its region's present and prospective housing needs, particularly with regard to low- and moderate-income housing, which shall include the municipal present and

prospective obligation for affordable housing, determined pursuant to subsection f. at N.J.S.A. 52:27D-304.1.

**HOUSING REGION**

Shall mean a geographic area established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-304.2b.

**INCLUSIONARY DEVELOPMENT**

Shall mean a residential housing development in which a substantial percentage of the housing units are provided for a reasonable income range of low- and moderate- income households.

**JUDGMENT OF COMPLIANCE or JUDGMENT OF REPOSE**

Shall mean a determination issued by the Superior Court approving a municipality's fair share plan to satisfy its affordable housing obligation for a particular 10-year round.

**LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLD**

Shall mean a household with a household income equal to 50 percent or less of the regional median income.

**LOW-INCOME UNIT**

Shall mean a restricted unit that is affordable to a low-income household.

**MAJOR SYSTEM**

Shall mean the primary structural, mechanical, plumbing, electrical, fire protection, or occupant service components of a building which include but are not limited to, weatherization, roofing, plumbing (including wells), heating, electricity, sanitary plumbing (including septic systems), lead paint abatement or load bearing structural systems.

**MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT**

Shall mean any development that includes both a non-residential development component and a residential development component, and shall include developments for which: (1) there is a common developer for both the residential development component and the non-residential development component, provided that for purposes of this definition, multiple persons and entities maybe considered a common developer if there is a contractual relationship among them obligating each entity to develop at least a portion of the residential or non-residential development, or both, or otherwise to contribute resources to the development; and (2) the residential and non-residential developments are located on the same lot or adjoining lots, including, but not limited to, lots separated by a street, a river, or another geographical feature.

**MODERATE-INCOME HOUSEHOLD**

Shall mean a household with a household income in excess of 50 percent but less than 80 percent of the regional median income.

**MODERATE-INCOME UNIT**

Shall mean a restricted unit that is affordable to a moderate-income household.

**MONI**

Shall mean the no-longer-active Market Oriented Neighborhood Investment Program, as it

was authorized by the Agency.

**MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIAISON or MHL**

Shall mean an appointed municipal employee who is, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:99-6, responsible for oversight and/or administration of the affordable units created within the municipality.

**MUNICIPAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND**

Shall mean a separate, interest-bearing account held by a municipality for the deposit of development fees, payments in lieu of constructing affordable units on sites zoned for affordable housing, barrier-free escrow funds, recapture funds, proceeds from the sale of affordable units, rental income, repayments from affordable housing program loans, enforcement fines, unexpended RCA funds remaining from a completed RCA project, application fees, and any other funds collected by the municipality in connection with its affordable housing programs, which shall be used to address municipal low- and moderate-income housing obligations within the time frames established by the Legislature and this chapter.

**MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT FEE ORDINANCE**

Shall mean an ordinance adopted by the governing body of a municipality that authorizes the collection of development fees.

**NEW CONSTRUCTION**

Shall mean the creation of a new housing unit under regulation by a code enforcement official regardless of the means by which the unit is created. Newly constructed units are evidenced by the issuance of a certificate of occupancy and may include new residences created through additions and alterations, adaptive reuse, subdivision, or conversion of existing space, and moving a structure from one location to another.

**NEW JERSEY AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND**

Shall mean an account established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-320.

**NEW JERSEY HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER or HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER**

Shall mean the online affordable housing listing portal, or its successor, overseen by the Agency pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-321.3 et seq.

**95/5 RESTRICTION**

Shall mean a deed restriction governing a restricted ownership unit that is part of a housing element that received substantive certification from COAH pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:93, as it was in effect at the time of the receipt of substantive certification, before October 1, 2001, or any other deed restriction governing a restricted ownership unit with a seller repayment option requiring 95 percent of the price differential to be paid to the municipality or an instrument of the municipality at the closing of a sale at market price.

**NON-EXEMPT SALE**

Shall mean any sale or transfer of ownership of a restricted unit to one's self or to another individual other than the transfer of ownership between spouses or civil union partners; the transfer of ownership between former spouses or civil union partners ordered as a result of

a judicial decree of divorce or judicial separation, but not including sales to third parties; the transfer of ownership between family members as a result of inheritance; the transfer of ownership through an executor's deed to a class A beneficiary; and the transfer of ownership by court order.

#### **NONPROFIT**

Shall mean an organization granted nonprofit status in accordance with section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

#### **NON-RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT**

Shall mean any building or structure, or portion thereof, including, but not limited to, any appurtenant improvements, which is designated to a use group other than a residential use group according to the State Uniform Construction Code, N.J.A.C. 5:23, promulgated to effectuate the State Uniform Construction Code Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-119 et seq., including any subsequent amendments or revisions thereto; hotels, motels, vacation timeshares, and child-care facilities; and the entirety of all continuing care facilities within a continuing care retirement community which is subject to the Continuing Care Retirement Community Regulation and Financial Disclosure Act, N.J.S.A.52:27D-330 et seq.

#### **NON-RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT FEE**

Shall mean the fee authorized to be imposed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-8.1 through 40:55D-8.7.

#### **ORDER FOR REPOSE**

Shall mean the protection a municipality has from a builder's remedy lawsuit for a period of time from the entry of a judgment of compliance by the Superior Court. A judgment of compliance often results in an order for repose.

#### **PAYMENT IN LIEU OF CONSTRUCTING AFFORDABLE UNITS**

Shall mean the prior approval of the payment of funds to the municipality by a developer when affordable units are were not produced on a site zoned for an inclusionary development. The statutory permission for payments in lieu of constructing affordable units was modified by P.L. 2024, c.2.

#### **PROSPECTIVE NEED**

Shall mean a projection of housing needs based on development and growth which is reasonably likely to occur in a region or a municipality, as the case may be, as a result of actual determination of public and private entities. Prospective need shall be determined by the methodology set forth pursuant to sections 6 and 7 of P.L.2024, c. 2 (C.52:27D-304.2 and C.52:27D-304.3) for the fourth round and all future rounds of housing obligations.

#### **PERSON WITH A DISABILITY**

Shall mean a person with a physical disability, infirmity, malformation, or disfigurement which is caused by bodily injury, birth defect, aging, or illness including epilepsy and other seizure disorders, and which shall include, but not be limited to, any degree of paralysis, amputation, lack of physical coordination, blindness or visual impairment, deafness or hearing impairment, the inability to speak or a speech impairment, or physical reliance on

a service animal, wheelchair, or other remedial appliance or device.

### **PRICE DIFFERENTIAL**

Shall mean the difference between the controlled sale price of a restricted unit and the contract price at the exit sale of the unit, determined as of the date of a proposed contract of sale for the unit. If there is no proposed contract of sale, the price differential is the difference between the controlled sale price of a restricted unit and the appraised value of the unit as if it were not subject to UHAC, determined as of the date of the appraisal. If the controlled sale price exceeds the contract price or, in the absence of a contract price, the appraised value, the price differential is zero dollars.

### **PRIOR ROUND UNIT**

Shall mean a housing unit that addresses a municipality's fair share obligation from a round prior to the fourth round of affordable housing obligations, including, but not limited to, any affordable unit that: (1) was created pursuant to a judgment, court order, builder's remedy, or settlement resolving any Mount Laurel or exclusionary zoning litigation prior to March 20, 2024; (2) received substantive certification from COAH; (3) is part of a third-round settlement agreement or judgment of compliance approved by a court of competent jurisdiction, inclusive of units created pursuant to a zoning designation adopted as part of the settlement agreement or judgment of compliance to create a realistic opportunity for development; (4) is subject to a grant agreement or other contract with either the State or a political subdivision thereof entered into prior to July 1, 2025, pursuant to either item (1), (2) or (3) above; or (5) otherwise addresses a municipality's fair share obligation from a round prior to the fourth round of affordable housing obligations. A unit created after the enactment of P.L. 2024, c. 2 (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-304.1) on March 20, 2024, is not a prior round unit unless: (1) it is created pursuant to a prior round development plan or zoning designation that received COAH or court approval on or before the cutoff date of June 30, 2025, or the date that the municipality adopts the implementing ordinances and resolutions for the fourth round of affordable housing obligations, whichever occurs sooner; and (2) its siting and creation are consistent with the form of the prior round development plan or zoning designation in effect as of the cutoff date, without any amendment or variance.

### **PROGRAM**

Shall mean the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program, established pursuant to section 5 of P.L.2024, c. 2 (C.52:27D-313.2).

### **RANDOM SELECTION PROCESS**

Shall mean a lottery process by which currently income-eligible applicant-households are selected, at random, for placement in affordable housing units such that no preference is given to one applicant over another, except in the case of a veterans' preference where such an agreement exists; for purposes of matching household income and size with an appropriately priced and sized affordable unit; or another purpose allowed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.7(k)3. This definition excludes any practices that would allow affordable housing units to be leased or sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

### **RCA ADMINISTRATOR**

Shall mean an appointed municipal employee who is responsible for oversight and/or administration of affordable units and associated revenues and expenditures within the municipality that were funded through regional contribution agreements.

**RCA PROJECT PLAN**

Shall mean a past application, submitted by a receiving municipality in an RCA, delineating the manner in which the receiving municipality intended to create or rehabilitate low- and moderate-income housing.

**RECEIVING MUNICIPALITY**

Shall mean, for the purposes of an RCA, a municipality that contractually agreed to assume a portion of another municipality's fair share obligation.

**RECONSTRUCTION**

Shall mean any project where the extent and nature of the work is such that the work area cannot be occupied while the work is in progress and where a new certificate of occupancy is required before the work area can be reoccupied, pursuant to the Rehabilitation Subcode of the uniform Construction Code, N.J.A.C. 5:23-6. Reconstruction shall not include projects comprised only of floor finish replacement, painting or wallpapering, or the replacement of equipment or furnishings. Asbestos hazard abatement and lead hazard abatement projects shall not be classified as reconstruction solely because occupancy of the work area is not permitted.

**RECREATIONAL FACILITIES and COMMUNITY CENTERS**

Shall mean any indoor or outdoor buildings, spaces, structures, or improvements intended for active or passive recreation, including, but not limited to, ballfields, meeting halls, and classrooms, accommodating either organized or informal activity.

**REGIONAL CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT or RCA**

Shall mean a contractual agreement, pursuant to the Act, into which two municipalities voluntarily entered into and was approved by COAH and/or Superior Court prior to July 18, 2008, to transfer a portion of a municipality's affordable housing obligation to another municipality within its housing region.

**REGIONAL MEDIAN INCOME**

Shall mean the median income by household size for an applicable housing region, as calculated annually in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.3.

**REHABILITATION**

Shall mean the repair, renovation, alteration, or reconstruction of any building or structure, pursuant to the Rehabilitation Subcode, N.J.A.C. 5:23-6.

**RENT**

Shall mean the gross monthly cost of a rental unit to the tenant, including the rent paid to the landlord, as well as an allowance for tenant-paid utilities computed in accordance with allowances published by DCA for its Section 8 program. With respect to units in assisted living residences, rent does not include charges for food and services.

**RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT FEE**

Shall mean money paid by a developer for the improvement of residential property as permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-329.2 and N.J.A.C. 5:99-3.2.

**RESTRICTED UNIT**

Shall mean a dwelling unit, whether a rental unit or ownership unit, that is subject to the affordability controls of this subchapter but does not include a market-rate unit that was financed pursuant to UHORP, MONI, or CHOICE.

**SPENDING PLAN**

Shall mean a method of allocating funds contained in an affordable housing trust fund account, which includes, but is not limited to, development fees collected and to be collected pursuant to an approved municipal development fee ordinance, or pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-329.1 et seq., for the purpose of meeting the housing needs of low- and moderate-income individuals.

**STATE DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT PLAN or STATE PLAN**

Shall mean the plan prepared pursuant to sections 1 through 12 of the “State Planning Act,” P.L.1985, c. 398 (C.52:18A-196 et al.), designed to represent a balance of development and conservation objectives best suited to meet the needs of the State, and for the purpose of coordinating planning activities and establishing Statewide planning objectives in the areas of land use, housing, economic development, transportation, natural resource conservation, agriculture and farmland retention, recreation, urban and suburban redevelopment, historic preservation, public facilities and services, and intergovernmental coordination pursuant to subsection f. of section 5 of P.L.1985, c. 398 (C.52:18A-200).

**SUPPORTIVE HOUSING HOUSEHOLD**

Shall mean a very low-, low- or moderate-income household certified as income eligible by an administrative agent in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.14, in which at least one member is an individual who requires supportive services to maintain housing stability and independent living and who is part of a population identified by federal or state statute, regulation, or program guidance as eligible for supportive or special needs housing. Such populations include, but are not limited to: persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities, persons with serious mental illness, person with head injuries (as defined in Section 2 of P.L. 1977), persons with physical disabilities or chronic health conditions, persons who are homeless as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development at 24 C.F.R. Part 578, survivors of domestic violence, youth aging out of foster care, and other special needs populations recognized under programs administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program, the McKinney–Vento Act, or the New Jersey Department of Human Services. A supportive housing household may include family members, unrelated individuals, or live-in aides, provided that the household meets the income eligibility requirements of this subchapter, except that in the case of unrelated individuals not operating as a family unit, income eligibility shall be tested on an individual basis rather than in the aggregate; the unit is leased or sold subject to the affordability controls established herein; and the supportive services available to the household are designed to promote housing stability, independent living, and community integration. The determination of whether unrelated individuals are operating as a family unit shall be made based on the applicant’s self-identification of household members on the affordable housing application.

**SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SPONSORING PROGRAM**

Shall mean grant or loan program which provided financial assistance to the development

of the unit.

**SUPPORTIVE HOUSING UNIT**

Shall mean a restricted rental unit, as defined by N.J.S.A. 34:1B-21.24, that is affordable to very low-, low- or moderate-income households and is reserved for occupancy by a supportive housing household. Supportive housing units are also referred to as permanent supportive housing units.

**TRANSITIONAL HOUSING**

Shall mean temporary housing that: (1) includes, but is not limited to, single-room occupancy housing or shared living and supportive living arrangements; (2) provides access to on-site or off-site supportive services for very low-income households who have recently been homeless or lack stable housing; (3) is licensed by the department; and (4) allows households to remain for a minimum of six months.

**TREASURER**

Shall mean the Treasurer of the State of New Jersey.

**UHAC**

Shall mean the Uniform Housing Affordability Controls set forth at N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.

**UHORP**

Shall mean the Agency's Urban Homeownership Recovery Program, as it was authorized by the Agency Board.

**UNIT TYPE**

Shall mean the type of dwelling unit with various building standards including, but not limited to, single-family detached, single-family attached/townhouse, stacked townhouse (attached building containing 2 units each with separate entrances), duplex (detached building containing 2 units each with separate entrances), triplex (3 units each with separate entrance), quadplex (4 units each with separate entrance), multifamily / flat (2 or more units with a shared entrance). Inclusion of a garage, or not, shall not define the unit type.

**VERY-LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLD**

Shall mean a household with a household income less than or equal to 30 percent of the regional median income.

**VERY-LOW-INCOME HOUSING**

Shall mean housing affordable according to the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development or other recognized standards for home ownership and rental costs and occupied or reserved for occupancy by households with a gross household income equal to 30 percent or less of the median gross household income for households of the same size within the housing region in which the housing is located.

**VERY-LOW-INCOME UNIT**

Shall mean a restricted unit that is affordable to a very-low-income household.

**VETERAN**

Shall mean a veteran as defined at N.J.S.A. 54:4-8.10.

**VETERANS' PREFERENCE**

Shall mean the agreement between a municipality and a developer or residential development owner that allows for low- to moderate-income veterans to be given preference for up to 50 percent of rental units in relevant projects, as provided for at N.J.S.A. 52:27D-311.j.

**WEATHERIZATION**

Shall mean building insulation (for attic, exterior walls and crawl space), siding to improve energy efficiency, replacement storm windows, replacement storm doors, replacement windows and replacement doors and is considered a major system for rehabilitation.

**§20-1.3 Monitoring and reporting requirements.**

- a. In accordance with the Act and N.J.A.C. 5:99 et seq., the Township is required to annually provide updated affordable housing monitoring activity and affordable housing trust fund activity through the Department's Affordable Housing Monitoring Service on or before February 15 annually.
- b. In order to assist the Township with its reporting requirements, all developers, program sponsors and landlords of developments or projects within the Township which include, or are proposed to include, affordable housing shall be required to provide all necessary information related to the status of construction and occupancy of each affordable unit within the respective developer, program sponsor or landlord's development to the Township's Municipal Housing Liaison by no later than January 2 annually for the previous year.

**§20-1.4 New Construction.**

- a. Per the definition of "New Construction," this section governs the creation of new affordable housing units regardless of the means by which the units are created. Newly constructed units may include new residences constructed or created through other means.
- b. The following requirements shall apply to all new or planned developments that contain very low-, low- and moderate-income housing units. To the extent possible, details related to the adherence to the requirements below shall be outlined in the resolution granting municipal subdivision or site plan approval of the project to assist municipal representatives, developers and Administrative Agents.
- c. Completion Schedule (previously known as phasing). Final site plan or subdivision approval shall be contingent upon the affordable housing development meeting the following completion schedule for very low-, low- and moderate-income units. Such schedule shall apply to the entirety of the residential units in the approved development, whether developed in a single-phase development, or in a multi-phase development:

Maximum Percentage of Market-Rate Units Issued a Temporary or Final Certificate of Occupancy	Minimum Percentage of Affordable Units Issued a Temporary or Final Certificate of Occupancy
25+1	10
50	50
75	75
90	100

- d. Design. The following design requirements apply to affordable housing developments, excluding prior round units.
1. Design of 100 percent affordable developments:
    - (a) Restricted units must meet the minimum square footage required for the number of inhabitants for which the unit is marketed and the minimum square footage required for each bedroom, as set forth in the Neighborhood Preservation Balanced Housing rules at N.J.A.C. 5:43-2.4.
    - (b) Each bedroom in each restricted unit must have at least one window.
    - (c) Restricted units must include adequate air conditioning and heating.
  2. Design of developments comprising market-rate rental units and restricted rental units. The following does not apply to prior round units, unless stated otherwise.
    - (a) Restricted units must use the same building materials and architectural design elements (for example, plumbing, insulation, or siding) as market-rate units of the same unit type (for example, flat or townhome) within the same development, except that restricted units and market-rate units may use different interior finishes. This shall apply to prior round units.
    - (b) Restricted units and market-rate units within the same affordable development must be sited such that restricted units are not concentrated in less desirable locations.
    - (c) Restricted units may not be physically clustered so as to segregate restricted and market-rate units within the same development or within the same building, but must be interspersed throughout the development, except that age-restricted and supportive housing units may be physically clustered if the clustering facilitates the provision of on-site medical services or on-site social services. Prior round affordable units shall be integrated with market rate units to the extent feasible.
    - (d) Residents of restricted units must be offered the same access to communal amenities as residents of market-rate units within the same affordable development. Examples of communal amenities include, but are not limited to, community pools, fitness and recreation centers, playgrounds, common rooms and outdoor spaces, and building entrances and exits. This shall apply to prior round units.
    - (e) Restricted units must include adequate air conditioning and heating and must use the same type of cooling and heating sources as market-rate units of the same unit type. This shall apply to prior round units.
    - (f) Each bedroom in each restricted unit must have at least one window.

- (g) Restricted units must be of the same unit type as market-rate units within the same building.
  - (h) Restricted units and bedrooms must be no less than 90 percent of the minimum size prescribed by the Neighborhood Preservation Balanced Housing rules at N.J.A.C. 5:43-2.4.
3. Design of developments containing for-sale units, including those with a mix of rental and for-sale units. Restricted rental units shall meet the requirements of section d.2. above. Restricted for-sale units shall comply with the below:
- (a) Restricted units must use the same building standards as market-rate units of the same unit type (for example, flat, townhome, or single-family home), except that restricted units and market-rate units may use different interior finishes. This shall apply to prior round units.
  - (b) Restricted units may be clustered, provided that the buildings or housing product types containing the restricted units are integrated throughout the development and are not concentrated in an undesirable location or in undesirable locations. Prior round affordable units shall be integrated with market rate units to the extent feasible.
  - (c) Restricted units may be of different unit housing product types than market-rate units, provided that there is a restricted option available for each market rate housing type. Developments containing market-rate duplexes, townhomes, and/or single-family homes shall offer restricted housing options that also include duplexes, townhomes, and/or single-family homes. Penthouses and higher priced end townhouses shall be exempt from this requirement. The proper ratio for restricted to market-rate unit type shall be subject to municipal ordinance or, if not specified, shall be determined at the time of site plan approval.
  - (d) Restricted units must meet the minimum square footage required for the number of inhabitants for which the unit is marketed and the minimum square footage required for each bedroom, as set forth in the Neighborhood Preservation Balanced Housing rules at N.J.A.C. 5:43-2.4.
  - (e) Penthouse and end units may be reserved for market-rate sale, provided that the overall number, value, and distribution of affordable units across the development is not negatively impacted by such reservation(s).
  - (f) Residents of restricted units must be offered the same access to communal amenities as residents of market-rate units within the same affordable development. Examples of communal amenities include, but are not limited to, community pools, fitness and recreation centers, playgrounds, common rooms and outdoor spaces, and building entrances and exits. This shall apply to prior round units.
  - (g) Each bedroom in each restricted unit must have at least one window.
  - (h) Restricted units must include adequate air conditioning and heating.
- e. Utilities.
- 1. Affordable units shall utilize the same type of cooling and heating source as market-rate units within the affordable housing development.

2. Tenant-paid utilities that are included in the utility allowance shall be so stated in the lease and shall be consistent with the utility allowance in accordance with N.J.AC 5:80-26.13(e).
- f. Low/moderate split and bedroom distribution.
1. Affordable units shall be divided equally between low- and moderate-income units, except that where there is an odd number of affordable housing units, the extra unit shall be a low-income unit.
  2. In each affordable housing development, at least 50 percent of the restricted units within each bedroom distribution rounded up to the nearest whole number shall be very low- or low-income units.
  3. Within rental developments, of the total number of affordable rental units, at least 13 percent, rounded up to the nearest whole number, shall be affordable to very low-income households. The very low-income units shall be distributed between each bedroom count as proportionally as possible, to the nearest whole unit, to the total number of restricted units within each bedroom count, and counted as part of the required number of low-income units within the development.
  4. Affordable housing developments that are not age-restricted or supportive housing shall be structured such that:
    - (a) At a minimum, the number of bedrooms within the restricted units equals twice the number of restricted units;
    - (b) Two-bedroom and/or three-bedroom units compose at least 50 percent of all restricted units;
    - (c) The combined number of efficiency and one-bedroom units shall be no greater than 20 percent, rounded down, of the total number of low- and moderate-income units.
    - (d) At least 30 percent of all low- and moderate-income units, rounded up, shall be two-bedroom units.
    - (e) At least 20 percent of all low- and moderate-income units, rounded up, shall be three-bedroom units.
    - (f) The remaining units may be allocated among two- and three- bedroom units at the discretion of the developer.
  5. Affordable housing developments that are age-restricted or supportive housing, except those supportive housing units whose sponsoring program determines the unit arrangements, shall be structured such that, at a minimum, the number of bedrooms shall equal the number of age-restricted or supportive housing low- and moderate-income units within the inclusionary development. Supportive housing units whose sponsoring program determines the unit arrangement shall comply with all requirements of the sponsoring program. The standard may be met by having all one-bedroom units or by having a two-bedroom unit for each efficiency unit. In affordable housing developments with 20 or more restricted units that are age-restricted or supportive housing, two-bedroom units must comprise at least five percent of those restricted units.

g. Accessibility requirements.

1. Any new construction shall be adaptable; however, elevators shall not be required in any building or within any dwelling unit for the purpose of compliance with this section. In buildings without elevator service, only ground floor dwelling units shall be required to be constructed to conform with the technical design standards of the barrier free subcode. "Ground floor" means the first floor within a dwelling unit or portion of a dwelling unit, regardless of whether that floor is at grade. A building may have more than one ground floor.
2. Notwithstanding the exemption for townhouse dwelling units in the barrier free subcode, the first floor of all townhouse dwelling units and of all other multi-floor dwelling units that are attached to at least one other dwelling unit shall be subject to the technical design standards of the barrier free subcode and shall include the following features:
  - (a) An adaptable toilet and bathing facility on the first floor;
  - (b) An adaptable kitchen on the first floor;
  - (c) An interior accessible route of travel however an interior accessible route of travel shall not be required between stories;
  - (d) An adaptable room that can be used as a bedroom, with a door, or the casing for the installation of a door that is compliant with the Barrier Free Subcode, on the first floor;
  - (e) If one or more of the foregoing requirements in 2.(a). through 2.(d). above cannot be satisfied, then an interior accessible route of travel shall be provided between stories within an individual unit; and
  - (f) An accessible entranceway as set forth in P.L. 2005, c. 350 (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-311a et seq.) and the Barrier Free Subcode, N.J.A.C. 5:23-7, or evidence that the municipality has collected funds from the developer sufficient to make 10 percent of the adaptable entrances in the development accessible:
    - [i] Where a unit has been constructed with an adaptable entrance, upon the request of a disabled person who is purchasing or will reside in the dwelling unit, an accessible entrance shall be installed.
    - [ii] To this end, the builder of restricted units shall deposit funds within the Affordable Housing Trust Fund sufficient to install accessible entrances in 10 percent of the affordable units that have been constructed with adaptable entrances.
    - [iii] The funds deposited shall be expended for the sole purpose of making the adaptable entrance of an affordable unit accessible when requested to do so by a person with a disability who occupies or intends to occupy the unit and requires an accessible entrance.
    - [iv] The developer of the restricted units shall submit to the Construction Official a design plan and cost estimate for the conversion from adaptable to accessible entrances.
    - [v] Once the Construction Official has determined that the design plan to convert the unit entrances from adaptable to accessible meets the requirements of the Barrier Free Subcode, N.J.A.C. 5:23-7, and that the cost estimate of such

conversion is reasonable, payment shall be made to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and earmarked appropriately.

- (g) Full compliance with the foregoing provisions shall not be required where an entity can demonstrate that it is “site-impracticable” to meet the requirements. If full compliance with this section would be site impracticable, compliance with this section for any portion of the dwelling shall be required to the extent that it is not site impracticable. Determinations of site impracticability shall comply with the Barrier Free Subcode at N.J.A.C. 5:23-7.

#### §20-1.5 Affordable housing programs.

- a. Pursuant to the Act and the UHAC regulations at N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et seq., the Township shall be entitled to rely upon the regulations on municipal credits, adjustments, and compliance mechanisms adopted by the Council on Affordable Housing at N.J.A.C. 5:93 and 5:97 that are most favorable to the Township, unless those regulations are contradicted by statute, including but not limited to P.L. 2024, c.2, or binding court decisions.
- b. All affordable housing units created within the Township of Frelinghuysen shall comply with the version of N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et seq. in effect at the time of application or zoning approval.
- c. By way of example only, the following is a non-exhaustive list of potential crediting mechanisms the Township may rely upon:
  - 1. Accessory Apartment Program.
    - (a) The accessory apartment program is designed to help meet the Township’s fair share housing obligation through the subsidization of up to 5 accessory apartments in the Township for occupancy by very low-, low-, or moderate-income households.
    - (b) To be eligible for this program, the property proposed to provide for an accessory apartment shall be situated within the AR-6 Zone on lots having a valid tax classification of “3A” or “3B”.
    - (c) All Accessory Apartments shall comply with the conditional use standards applicable to the AR-6 Zone.
  - 2. Supportive Housing and Group Homes. The following provisions shall apply to group homes, residential health care facilities, and supportive shared living housing:
    - (a) Units may, with the approval of the administrative agent, be subject to a master lease by an approved supportive housing operator, provided that all subleases are to be certified supportive housing households and remain fully subject to the affordability controls of this subchapter. Rents for supportive housing units shall not exceed the rent standards established and published by the New Jersey Department of Human Services.
    - (b) The unit of credit shall be the bedroom. However, the unit of credit shall be the unit if occupied by a single person or household.
    - (c) Housing that is age-restricted shall be included with the maximum number of units that may be age-restricted pursuant to the Act.
    - (d) Occupancy shall not be restricted to youth under 18 years of age.

- (e) In affordable developments with 20 or more restricted units that are supportive housing, two-bedroom units must compose at least five percent of those restricted units.
- (f) The bedrooms and/or units shall comply with UHAC with the following exceptions:
  - [i] Affirmative marketing, however, group homes, residential health care facilities, permanent supportive housing, and supportive shared living housing shall be affirmatively marketed to the broadest possible population of qualified individuals with special needs in accordance with a plan approved by the sponsoring program;
  - [ii] Affordability average and bedroom distribution (N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.4).
- (g) With the exception of units established with capital funding through a 20-year operating contract with the Department of Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities, group homes, residential health care facilities, supportive shared living housing and permanent supportive housing shall have the appropriate controls on affordability in accordance with the Act. In the event that a supportive housing provider is unable to record or execute a long-term deed restriction, the units shall be subject to annual recertification by the Municipal Housing Liaison to confirm continued occupancy and compliance with this Section.
- (h) Objective standards shall be applied in the selection of tenants for supportive housing units and shall be designed to ensure that individuals are not excluded in an arbitrary or capricious manner.
- (i) The following documentation shall be submitted by the sponsor to the municipality prior to marketing the completed units or facility:
  - [i] An Affirmative Marketing Plan in accordance with f. [i] above; and
  - [ii] If applicable, proof that the supportive and/or special needs housing is regulated by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, the New Jersey Department of Human Services or another State agency in accordance with the requirements of this section, which includes validation of the number of bedrooms or units in which low- or moderate-income occupants reside.
- (j) The sponsor/owner shall complete annual monitoring as directed by the Municipal Housing Liaison.

#### §20-1.6 Regional Income Limits.

- a. Administrative agents shall use the current regional income limits for the purpose of pricing affordable units and determining income eligibility of households.
- b. Regional income limits are based on regional median income, which is established by a regional weighted average of the “median family incomes” published by HUD. The procedure for computing the regional median income is detailed in N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.3.
- c. Updated regional income limits are effective as of the effective date of the regional Section 8 income limits for the year, as published by HUD, or 45 days after HUD publishes the regional Section 8 income limits for the year, whichever comes later. The new income limits may not be less than those of the previous year.

**§20-1.7 Maximum Initial Rents and Sales Prices.**

- a. In establishing rents and sales prices of affordable housing units, the Administrative Agent shall follow the procedures set forth in UHAC.
- b. The average rent for all restricted units within each affordable housing development shall be affordable to households earning no more than 52 percent of regional median income.
- c. The maximum rent for restricted rental units within each affordable housing development shall be affordable to households earning no more than 60 percent of regional median income. The maximum rent may be increased to no more than 70 percent of regional median income for moderate-income units within affordable developments where very-low-income units compose at least 13 percent of the restricted units; however, the number of units with rent affordable to households earning 70 percent of regional median income may not exceed the number of very-low-income units in excess of 13 percent (rounded up) of the restricted units.
- d. The developers and/or municipal sponsors of restricted rental units shall establish at least one rent for each bedroom type for both low-income and moderate-income units, provided that at least 13 percent of all low- and moderate-income rental units shall be affordable to households earning no more than 30 percent of median income. These very low-income units shall be part of the low-income requirement and very-low-income units should be distributed between each bedroom count as proportionally as possible, to the nearest whole unit, to the total number of restricted units within each bedroom count.
- e. The maximum sales price of restricted ownership units within each affordable housing development shall be affordable to households earning no more than 70 percent of median income, and each affordable housing development must achieve an affordability average that does not exceed 55 percent for all restricted ownership units. In achieving this affordability average, moderate-income ownership units must be available for at least three different prices for each bedroom type, and low-income ownership units must be available for at least two different prices for each bedroom type when the number of low- and moderate-income units permits.
- f. The master deeds and declarations of covenants and restrictions for affordable developments may not distinguish between restricted units and market-rate units in the calculation of any condominium or homeowner association fees and special assessments to be paid by low- and moderate-income purchasers and those to be paid by market-rate purchasers.
- g. In determining the initial sales prices and rents for compliance with the affordability average requirements for restricted family units, the following standards shall be met:
  1. A studio or efficiency unit shall be affordable to a one-person household;
  2. A one-bedroom unit shall be affordable to a one and one-half person household;
  3. A two-bedroom unit shall be affordable to a three-person household;
  4. A three-bedroom unit shall be affordable to a four and one-half person household; and
  5. A four-bedroom unit shall be affordable to a six-person household.
- h. In determining the initial rents and sales prices for compliance with the affordability average requirements for restricted units in assisted living facilities and age-restricted and special needs and supportive housing developments, the following standards shall be met:

1. A studio or efficiency unit shall be affordable to a one-person household;
  2. A one-bedroom unit shall be affordable to a one and one-half person household; and
  3. A two-bedroom unit shall be affordable to a two-person household or to two one-person households. Where pricing is based on two one-person households, the developer shall provide a list of units so priced to the Municipal Housing Liaison and the Administrative Agent.
- i. The initial purchase price for all restricted ownership units shall be calculated so that the monthly carrying cost of the unit, including principal and interest (based on a mortgage loan equal to 95 percent of the purchase price and the FreddieMac 30-Year Fixed Rate-Mortgage rate of interest), property taxes, homeowner and private mortgage insurance and condominium or homeowner association fees do not exceed 30 percent of the eligible monthly income of the appropriate size household as determined pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.7, as may be amended and supplemented; provided, however, that the price shall be subject to the affordability average requirement of N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.4, as may be amended and supplemented.
  - j. The initial rent for a restricted rental unit shall be calculated so that the total monthly housing expense, including an allowance for tenant-paid utilities, does not exceed 30 percent of the gross monthly income of a household of the appropriate size whose income is targeted to the applicable percentage of median income for the unit, as determined pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.3, as may be amended and supplemented. The rent shall also comply with the affordability average requirement of N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.4, as may be amended and supplemented. The initial rent for a restricted rental unit shall be calculated so the eligible monthly housing expenses/income, including an allowance for tenant-paid utilities does not exceed 30 percent of gross income of and the appropriate household size as determined pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.3, as may be amended and supplemented.
  - k. At the anniversary date of the tenancy of the certified household occupying a restricted rental unit, following proper notice provided to the occupant household pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2A:18-61.1.f, the rent may be increased to an amount commensurate with the annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), specifically U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Series CUUR0100SAH, titled "Housing in Northeast urban, all urban consumers, not seasonally adjusted." Rent increases for units constructed pursuant to Low-Income Housing Tax Credit regulations shall be indexed pursuant to the regulations governing Low-Income Housing Tax Credits.

#### **§20-1.8 Occupancy Standards.**

- a. In referring certified households to specific restricted units, to the extent feasible, and without causing an undue delay in occupying the unit, the Administrative Agent shall strive to:
  1. Ensure each bedroom is occupied by at least one person, except for age-restricted and supportive and special needs housing units;
  2. Provide a bedroom for every two adult occupants;
  3. With regard to occupants under the age of 18, accommodate the household's requested arrangement, except that such arrangement may not result in more than two occupants under the age of 18 occupying any bedroom; and
  4. Avoid placing a one-person household into a unit with more than one bedroom.

**§20-1.9 Control Periods for Restricted Ownership Units and Enforcement Mechanisms.**

- a. The initial control periods for restricted ownership units shall be for a period of at least 30 years and in accordance with the UHAC, as may be amended and supplemented, with the Township reserving the right to extend the affordability control period for an additional period of time thereafter.
- b. Rehabilitated housing units that are improved to code standards shall be subject to affordability controls for a period of at least 10 years.
- c. The affordability control period for a restricted ownership unit shall commence on the date the initial certified household takes title to the unit. For any new units, the date of commencement shall be identified in the deed restriction.
- d. If existing affordability controls are being extended, the extended control period for a restricted ownership unit commences on the effective date of the extension, which is the end of the original control period.
- e. For any newly constructed affordable unit, after the end of any control period, the restricted ownership unit remains subject to the affordability controls set forth in this subsection until the owner gives notice of their intent to make an exit sale, at which point:
  1. If the municipality exercises the right to extend the affordability controls on the unit, no exit sale occurs and a new control period commences; or
  2. If the municipality does not exercise the right to extend the affordability controls on the unit, the affordability controls terminate following the exit sale.
  3. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein shall eliminate or alter the right of the Township to extend the affordability controls of any 95/5 units or Prior Round Units.
    - (a) 95/5 units. The Township may elect to release any 95/5 unit from the affordability controls only by formal action taken by the Township Committee after the initial control period ends. At the time of closing of the first non-exempt sale following the release of the 95/5 unit from its controls, the seller of the 95/5 unit shall pay to the municipality 95 percent of the difference between the actual sale price and the regulated maximum resale price that would be applicable for the 95/5 unit were the control period still in effect.
    - (b) Non-95/5 Prior Round Units. The Township may elect to release any non-95/5 Prior Round Units from the affordability controls only by formal action taken by the Township Committee after the initial control period ends. At the time of closing of the first non-exempt sale following the release of the non-95/5 Prior Round Unit from its controls, the seller of the Prior Round Unit shall pay to the municipality an amount equal to the difference between the unit's non-restricted fair market value and the regulated maximum resale price that would be applicable for the Prior Round unit were the control period still in effect.
- f. Prior to the issuance of any building permit for the construction/rehabilitation of restricted ownership units, the developer/owner and the municipality shall record a preliminary instrument provided by the Administrative Agent.
- g. Prior to the issuance of the initial certificate of occupancy for a restricted ownership unit and upon each successive sale during the period of restricted ownership, the Administrative Agent shall determine the restricted price for the unit and shall also determine the

nonrestricted, fair market value of the unit based on either an appraisal or the unit's equalized assessed value without the restrictions in place.

- h. At the time of the initial sale of the unit and upon each successive price-restricted sale, the initial purchaser shall execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent an affordable housing deed restriction approved by the Township, a recapture note obliging the purchaser, as well as the purchaser's heirs, successors, and assigns, to repay, upon the first non-exempt sale after the unit's release from the restrictions set forth in this Ordinance, an amount equal to the difference between the unit's non-restricted fair market value and its restricted price, and the recapture note shall be secured by a recapture lien evidenced by a duly recorded mortgage on the unit.
- i. The affordability controls set forth in this Chapter shall remain in effect despite the entry and enforcement of any judgment of foreclosure with respect to price-restricted ownership units.
- j. Extensions of Affordability Controls on Ownership Units
  - 1. The Township retains the right and power to preserve its existing and any newly constructed very low-income, low-income and moderate-income affordable ownership units located within the Township by extending the initial affordable control period for an additional period of time beyond the original control period established in any judgment of compliance, judgment of repose or other judgment, court order, grant of substantive certification, master deed, affordable housing plan, affordable housing agreement, deed restriction, restrictive covenant, declaration of restrictive covenants, public offering statement, contract, settlement agreement, grant agreement, developer's agreement or other agreement. The Township retains and reserves this right extend the affordability controls on all existing and any newly constructed affordable ownership units within the Township regardless of the date the affordable unit(s) was/were created.
  - 2. The right of the Township to extend the affordability controls on any restricted ownership unit shall not otherwise be limited or circumscribed by any term, condition or provision contained within any master deed, affordable housing plan, affordable housing agreement, deed restriction, restrictive covenant, declaration of restrictive covenants, public offering statement, contract, settlement agreement, grant agreement, developer's agreement or other agreement.
  - 3. The Township shall exercise such right by ordinance adopted by the Township Committee.
  - 4. During the initial control period and any extended control period, no seller of a restricted unit in the Township may utilize the repayment option or exit sale, but may sell the restricted unit to another qualifying household at the then applicable maximum resale price determined by the Agency.

#### **§20-1.10 Price Restrictions for Restricted Ownership Units and Resale Prices.**

- a. Price restrictions for restricted ownership units shall be in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.7, as may be amended and supplemented, including:
  - 1. The initial purchase price and affordability percentage for a restricted ownership unit shall be set by the Administrative Agent.

2. The Administrative Agent shall approve all resale prices, in writing and in advance of the resale, to assure compliance with the standards set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.7.
    - (a) If the resale occurs prior to the one-year anniversary of the date on which title to the unit was transferred to a certified household, the maximum resale price is the most recent non-exempt purchase price.
    - (b) If the resale occurs on or after such anniversary date, the maximum resale price is the most recent non-exempt purchase price increased to reflect the cumulative annual percentage increases to the regional median income, effective as of the same date as the regional median income calculated pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.3.
  3. The owners of restricted ownership units may apply to the Administrative Agent to increase the maximum sales price for the unit on the basis of anticipated capital improvements. Eligible capital improvements shall be:
    - (a) Those that render the unit suitable for a larger household or the addition of a bathroom.
    - (b) The maximum resale price may be further increased by an amount up to the cumulative dollar value of approved capital improvements made after the last non-exempt sale for improvements and/or upgrades to the unit, excluding capital improvements paid for by the entity favored on the recapture note and recapture lien described at N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.6(d).
  4. No increase for capital improvements is permitted if the maximum resale price prior to adjusting for capital improvements already exceeds whatever initial purchase price the unit would have if it were being offered for purchase for the first time at the initial affordability percentage. All adjustments for capital improvements are subject to 10-year, straight-line depreciation.
- b. Upon the resale of a restricted ownership unit, all items of property that are permanently affixed to the unit or were included when the unit was initially restricted (for example, refrigerator, range, washer, dryer, dishwasher, wall-to-wall carpeting) shall be included in the maximum allowable resale price. Other items may be sold to the purchaser at a reasonable price that has been approved by the Administrative Agent at the time of the signing of the agreement to purchase but shall be separate and apart from any contract of sale for the underlying real estate. The purchase of central air conditioning installed subsequent to the initial sale of the unit and not included in the base price may be made a condition of the unit resale provided the price of the air conditioning equipment, which shall be subject to 10-year, straight-line depreciation, has been approved by the Administrative Agent. Unless otherwise approved by the Administrative Agent, the purchase of any property other than central air conditioning shall not be made a condition of the unit resale. The seller and the purchaser must personally certify at the time of closing that no unapproved transfer of funds for the purpose of selling and receiving property has taken place at the time of or as a condition of resale.

#### **§20-1.11 Control Periods for Restricted Rental Units.**

- a. Control periods for rental units that meet the definition of Prior Round Units shall be pursuant to the UHAC, and shall remain subject to the requirements of this ordinance for a period of at least 30 years, with the Township reserving the right to extend the affordability controls for an additional period of time in accordance with the Act and UHAC.

- b. Other than for prior round units, control periods for restricted rental units shall be in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.12, as may be amended and supplemented, and each restricted rental unit shall remain subject to the requirements of this Ordinance for a period of at least 40 years. Restricted rental units created as part of developments receiving nine percent Low-Income Housing Tax Credits shall comply with applicable law.
- c. The affordability control period for a restricted rental unit shall commence on the first date that a unit is issued a certificate of occupancy following the execution of the deed restriction or, if affordability controls are being extended, on the effective date of the extension, which is the end of the original control period.
- d. Rehabilitated renter-occupied housing units that are improved to code standards shall be subject to affordability controls for a period of at least 10 years.
- e. Prior to the issuance of any building permit for the construction/rehabilitation of restricted rental units, the developer/owner and the municipality shall record a preliminary instrument provided by the Administrative Agent.
- f. Deeds of all real property that include restricted rental units shall contain deed restriction language. The deed restriction shall have priority over all mortgages on the property. The deed restriction shall be recorded by the developer with the county records office, and provided as filed and recorded, to the Administrative Agent within 30 days of the receipt of a certificate of occupancy.
- g. A restricted rental unit shall remain subject to the affordability controls of this Ordinance despite the occurrence of any of the following events:
  - 1. Sublease or assignment of the lease of the unit;
  - 2. Sale or other voluntary transfer of the ownership of the unit;
  - 3. The entry and enforcement of any judgment of foreclosure on the property containing the unit; or
  - 4. The end of the control period, until the occupant household vacates the unit, or is certified as over-income and the controls are released in accordance with UHAC.
- h. The Township retains the right and power to preserve all existing and any newly constructed very low-income, low-income and moderate-income rental units constructed in the Township on or after October 1, 2001 by extending the affordable control period for an additional period of time beyond the original control period established in any judgment of compliance, judgment of repose or other judgment, court order, grant of substantive certification, master deed, affordable housing plan, affordable housing agreement, deed restriction, restrictive covenant, declaration of restrictive covenants, public offering statement, contract, settlement agreement, grant agreement, developer's agreement or other agreement.
  - 1. The right of the Township to extend the affordability controls on any restricted rental unit shall not otherwise be limited or circumscribed by any term, condition or provision contained within any master deed, affordable housing plan, affordable housing agreement, deed restriction, restrictive covenant, declaration of restrictive covenants, public offering statement, contract, settlement agreement, grant agreement, developer's agreement or other agreement.
  - 2. The Township shall exercise such right to extend the affordability controls by ordinance adopted by the Township Committee.

**§20-1.12 Rent Restrictions for Rental Units; Leases and Fees.**

- a. The initial rent for a restricted rental unit shall be set by the Administrative Agent.
- b. A written lease shall be required for all restricted rental units, except for units in an assisted living residence, and tenants shall be responsible for security deposits and the full amount of the rent as stated on the lease. A copy of the current lease for each restricted rental unit shall be retained on file by the Administrative Agent.
- c. No additional fees, operating costs, or charges shall be added to the approved rent (except, in the case of units in an assisted living residence, to cover the customary charges for food and services) without the express written approval of the Administrative Agent.
  1. Operating costs, for the purposes of this section, include certificate of occupancy fees, move-in fees, move-out fees, mandatory internet fees, mandatory cable fees, mandatory utility submetering fees, and for developments with more than one and a half off-street parking spaces per unit, parking fees for one parking space per household.
- d. Any fee structure that would remove or limit affordable unit occupant access to any amenities or services that are required or included for market-rate unit occupants is prohibited. Application fees (including the charge for any credit check) shall not exceed five percent of the monthly rent of the applicable restricted unit to be applied to the costs of administering the controls applicable to the unit as set forth in this Ordinance.
- e. Fees for unit-specific, non-communal items that are charged to market-rate unit tenants on an optional basis, such as pet fees for tenants with pets, storage spaces, bicycle-share programs, or one-time rentals of party or media rooms, may also be charged to affordable unit tenants, if applicable.
- f. Pet fees may not exceed \$30.00 per month and associated one-time payments for optional fees pertaining to pets, such as a pet cleaning fee, are prohibited.
- g. Fees charged to affordable unit tenants for other optional, unit-specific, non-communal items shall not exceed the amounts charged to market-rate tenants.
- h. For any prior round rental unit leased before December 20, 2024, elements of the existing fee structure that are consistent with prior rules, but inconsistent with 5:80-26.13(c)1, may continue until the occupant household's current lease term expires or that occupant household vacates the unit, whichever occurs later.

**§20-1.13 Municipal Housing Liaison.**

- a. The Township of Frelinghuysen shall appoint a specific municipal employee to serve as a Municipal Housing Liaison responsible for administering the affordable housing program, including affordability controls, the Affirmative Marketing Plan, monitoring and reporting, and, where applicable, supervising any contracted Administrative Agent. The Municipal Housing Liaison shall be appointed by the governing body and may be a full or part time municipal employee.
- b. The Municipal Housing Liaison's responsibilities can be found in N.J.A.C. 5:99.

**§20-1.14 Administrative Agent.**

- a. All municipalities that have created or will create affordable housing programs and/or affordable units shall designate or approve, for each project within its HEFSP, an administrative agent to administer the affordable housing program and/or affordable

housing units in accordance with the requirements of the FHA, NJAC 5:99-1 et seq. and UHAC.

- b. The fees for administrative agents shall be paid as follows:
  - 1. Administrative agent fees related to rental units shall be paid by the developer/owner.
  - 2. Administrative agent fees related to initial sale of units shall be paid by the developer.
  - 3. Administrative agent fees related to resales shall be paid by the seller of the affordable home.
  - 4. Administrative agent fees related to ongoing administration and enforcement shall be paid by the municipality.
- c. The Administrative Agent's responsibilities can be found in N.J.A.C. 5:99.

**§20-1.15 Responsibilities of the Owner of a Development Containing Affordable Units.**

- a. The owner and/or landlord of all developments containing affordable units subject to this subsection or the assigned management company thereof shall provide to the administrative agent:
  - 1. Site plan, architectural plan, or other plan that identifies the location of each affordable unit, if subject to the site plan approval, settlement agreement, or other applicable document regulating the location of affordable units. The administrative agent shall determine the location of affordable units if not set forth in the site plan approval, settlement agreement, or other applicable document.
  - 2. The total number of units in the project and the number of affordable units.
  - 3. The breakdown of the affordable units by or identification of affordable unit locations by bedroom count and income level, including street addresses / unit numbers, if subject to the site plan approval, settlement agreement, or other applicable document regulating the breakdown of affordable units. The administrative agent shall determine the bedroom and income distribution if not set forth in the site plan approval, settlement agreement, or other applicable document.
  - 4. Floor plans of all affordable units, including complete and accurate identification of all rooms and the dimensions thereof.
  - 5. A projected construction schedule.
  - 6. The location of any common areas and elevators.
  - 7. The name of the person who will be responsible for official contact with the administrative agent for the duration of the project, which must be updated if the contact changes.
- b. In addition to a. above, the owner of rental developments containing affordable rental units subject to this subsection or the assigned management company thereof shall:
  - 1. Send to all current tenants in all restricted rental units an annual mailing containing a notice as to the maximum permitted rent and a reminder of the requirement that the unit must remain their principal place of residence, which is defined as residing in the unit at least 260 days out of each calendar year, together with the telephone number, mailing

- address, and email address of the administrative agent to whom complaints of excess rent can be issued.
2. Provide to the administrative agent a description of any applicable fees.
  3. Provide to the administrative agent a description of the types of utilities and which utilities will be included in the rent.
  4. Agree and ensure that the utility configuration established at the start of the rent-up process not be altered at any time throughout the restricted period.
  5. Provide to the administrative agent a proposed form of lease for any rental units.
  6. Ensure that the tenant selection criteria for the applicants for affordable units not be more restrictive than the tenant selection criteria for applicants for non-restricted units.
  7. Strive to maintain the continued occupancy of the affordable units during the entire restricted period.
- c. In addition to a. above, the owner of affordable for-sale developments containing affordable for-sale units subject to this subchapter or the assigned management company thereof shall provide the administrative agent:
1. Proposed pricing for all units, including any purchaser options and add-on items.
  2. Condominium or homeowner association fees and any other applicable fees.
  3. Estimated real property taxes.
  4. Sewer, water, trash disposal, and any other utility assessments.
  5. Flood insurance requirement, if applicable.
  6. The State-approved planned real estate development public offering statement and/or master deed, where applicable, as well as the full build-out budget.
- d. It is the responsibility of the municipal housing liaison and the administrative agent(s) to ensure that affordable housing units are administered properly. All affordable units must be occupied within a reasonable amount of time and be re-leased within a reasonable amount of time upon the vacating of the unit by a tenant. If an administrative agent or municipal housing liaison becomes aware of or suspects that a developer, landlord, or property manager has not complied with these regulations, it shall report this activity to the Division. The Division must notify the developer, landlord, or property manager, in writing, of any violation of these regulations and provide a 30-day cure period. If, after the 30-day cure period, the developer, landlord, or property manager remains in violation of any terms of this subsection, including by keeping a unit vacant, the developer, landlord, or property manager may be fined up to the amount required to construct a comparable affordable unit of the same size and the deed-restricted control period will be extended for the length of the time the unit was out of compliance, in addition to the remedies provided for in this Chapter. For the purposes of this subsection, a reasonable amount of time shall presumptively be 60 days, unless a longer period of time is required due to demonstrable market conditions and/or failure of the municipal housing liaison or the administrative agent to refer a certified tenant.
- e. Banks and other lending institutions are prohibited from issuing any loan secured by owner occupied real property subject to the affordability controls set forth in this subchapter if such loan would be in excess of amounts permitted by the restriction documents recorded

in the deed or mortgage book in the county in which the property is located. Any loan issued in violation of this subsection is void as against public policy.

**§20-1.16 Enforcement of affordable housing regulations.**

- a. Upon the occurrence of a breach of any of the regulations governing the affordable unit by an owner, developer or tenant, the municipality shall have all remedies provided at law or equity, including but not limited to foreclosure, tenant eviction, a requirement for household recertification, acceleration of all sums due under a mortgage, recuperation of any funds from a sale in violation of the regulations, injunctive relief to prevent further violation of the regulations, entry on the premises, and specific performance.
- b. After providing written notice of a violation to an owner, developer or tenant of a low- or moderate-income unit and advising the owner, developer or tenant of the penalties for such violations, the municipality may take the following action(s) against the owner, developer or tenant for any violation that remains uncured for a period of 60 days after service of the written notice:
  1. The municipality may file a court action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2A:58-11 alleging a violation or violations of the regulations governing the affordable housing unit. If the owner, developer or tenant is adjudged by the Court to have violated any provision of the regulations governing affordable housing units the owner, developer or tenant shall be subject to one or more of the following penalties, at the discretion of the Court:
    - (a) A fine of not more than \$2,000 or imprisonment for a period not to exceed 90 days, or both, unless otherwise specified below, provided that each and every day that the violation continues or exists shall be considered a separate and specific violation of these provisions and not a continuation of the initial offense.
    - (b) In the case of an owner who has rented a low- or moderate-income unit in violation of the regulations governing affordable housing units, payment into the Township of Frelinghuysen Affordable Housing Trust Fund of the gross amount of rent illegally collected.
    - (c) In the case of an owner who has rented a low- or moderate-income unit in violation of the regulations governing affordable housing units, payment of an innocent tenant's reasonable relocation costs, as determined by the Court.
- c. The municipality shall have the authority to levy fines against the owner of the development for instances of noncompliance with NJHRC advertising requirements (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-321.6.e.(2)), following written notice to the owner. The fine for the first offense of noncompliance shall be \$5,000, the fine for the second offense of noncompliance shall be \$10,000, and the fine for each subsequent offense of noncompliance shall be \$15,000.
- d. The Township may file a court action in the Superior Court seeking a judgment that would result in the termination of the owner's equity or other interest in the unit, in the nature of a mortgage foreclosure. Any such judgment shall be enforceable as if the same were a judgment of default of the First Purchase Money Mortgage and shall constitute a lien against the low- or moderate-income unit.
  1. Such judgment shall be enforceable, at the option of the municipality, by means of an

execution sale by the Sheriff, at which time the low- and moderate-income unit of the violating owner shall be sold at a sale price which is not less than the amount necessary to fully satisfy and pay off any First Purchase Money Mortgage and prior liens and the costs of the enforcement proceedings incurred by the municipality, including attorney's fees. The violating owner shall have his right to possession terminated as well as his title conveyed pursuant to the Sheriff's sale.

2. The proceeds of the Sheriff's sale shall first be applied to satisfy the First Purchase Money Mortgage lien and any prior liens upon the low- and moderate-income unit. The excess, if any, shall be applied to reimburse the municipality for any and all costs and expenses incurred in connection with either the court action resulting in the judgment of violation or the Sheriff's sale. In the event that the proceeds from the Sheriff's sale are insufficient to reimburse the municipality in full as aforesaid, the violating owner shall be personally responsible for the full extent of such deficiency, in addition to any and all costs incurred by the municipality in connection with collecting such deficiency. In the event that a surplus remains after satisfying all of the above, such surplus, if any, shall be placed in escrow by the municipality for the owner and shall be held in such escrow for a maximum period of two years or until such earlier time as the owner shall make a claim with the municipality for such. Failure of the owner to claim such balance within the two-year period shall automatically result in a forfeiture of such balance to the municipality. Any interest accrued or earned on such balance while being held in escrow shall belong to and shall be paid to the municipality, whether such balance shall be paid to the owner or forfeited to the municipality.
3. Foreclosure by the municipality due to violation of the regulations governing affordable housing units shall not extinguish the restrictions of the regulations governing affordable housing units as the same apply to the low- and moderate-income unit. Title shall be conveyed to the purchaser at the Sheriff's sale, subject to the restrictions and provisions of the regulations governing the affordable housing unit. The owner determined to be in violation of the provisions of this plan and from whom title and possession were taken by means of the Sheriff's sale shall not be entitled to any right of redemption.
4. If there are no bidders at the Sheriff's sale, or if insufficient amounts are bid to satisfy the First Purchase Money Mortgage and any prior liens, the municipality may acquire title to the low- and moderate-income unit by satisfying the First Purchase Money Mortgage and any prior liens and crediting the violating owner with an amount equal to the difference between the First Purchase Money Mortgage and any prior liens and costs of the enforcement proceedings, including legal fees and the maximum resale price for which the low- and moderate-income unit could have been sold under the terms of the regulations governing affordable housing units. This excess shall be treated in the same manner as the excess which would have been realized from an actual sale as previously described.
5. Failure of the low- and moderate-income unit to be either sold at the Sheriff's sale or acquired by the municipality shall obligate the owner to accept an offer to purchase from any qualified purchaser which may be referred to the owner by the municipality, with such offer to purchase being equal to the maximum resale price of the low- and moderate-income unit as permitted by the regulations governing affordable housing units.

6. The Owner of the affordable unit shall remain fully obligated, responsible and liable for complying with the terms and restrictions of governing affordable housing units until such time as title is conveyed from the owner.

#### **§20-1.17 Appeals.**

Appeals from all decisions of an administrative agent appointed pursuant to this Chapter must be filed, in writing, with the municipal housing liaison. A decision by the municipal housing liaison may be appealed to the Division of Local Planning Services within the Department of Community Affairs. A written decision of the Division Director upholding, modifying, or reversing an administrative agent's decision is a final administrative action.

#### **§20-2 DEVELOPMENT FEE ORDINANCE.**

##### **§20-2.1 Purpose.**

This section establishes standards for the collection, maintenance, and expenditure of development fees that are consistent with the amended Fair Housing Act (P.L.2024, c.2), N.J.A.C. 5:99, and the Statewide Non-Residential Development Fee Act (C. 40:55D-8.1 through 8.7). Fees collected pursuant to this section shall be used for the sole purpose of providing very low-, low- and moderate-income housing in accordance with a Court-approved Spending Plan.

##### **§20-2.2 Basic Requirements.**

- a. The municipality previously adopted a development fee ordinance, which established the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund.
- b. The municipality shall not spend development fees until the court has approved a plan for spending such fees.

##### **§20-2.3 Definitions.**

- a. The following terms, as used in this section, shall have the following meanings:

#### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

A development included in a municipality's housing element and fair share plan, and includes, but is not limited to, an inclusionary development, a municipally sponsored affordable housing project, or a 100 percent affordable development. This includes developments with affordable units on-site, off-site, or provided as a payment in-lieu of construction only if such a payment-in-lieu option has been previously approved by the Program or Superior Court as part of the HEFSP.

#### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING MONITORING SYSTEM OR AHMS**

The Department's cloud-based software application shall be the central repository for municipalities to use for reporting detailed information regarding affordable housing developments, affordable housing unit completions, and the collection and expenditures of funds deposited into the municipal affordable housing trust fund.

#### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND OR AHTF**

The non-lapsing, revolving trust fund established in the Department pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-320 and N.J.A.C. 5:43 to be the repository of all State funds appropriated for affordable housing purposes.

**COAH OR THE COUNCIL**

The Council on Affordable Housing established in, but not of, DCA pursuant to the Act and that was abolished effective March 20, 2024, pursuant to section 3 at P.L. 2024, c. 2 (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-304.1).

**DEPARTMENT**

The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

**DEVELOPER**

The legal or beneficial owner or owners of a lot or of any land proposed to be included in a proposed development, including the holder of an option or contract to purchase, or other person having an enforceable proprietary interest in such land.

**DEVELOPMENT FEE**

Money paid by a developer for the improvement of residential and non-residential property as permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-329.2 and 40:55D-8.1 through 40:55D-8.7 and N.J.A.C. 5:99-3.

**EQUALIZED ASSESSED VALUE OR EAV**

The assessed value of a property divided by the current average ratio of assessed to true value for the municipality in which the property is situated, as determined in accordance with sections 1, 5, and 6 at P.L. 1973, c. 123 (N.J.S.A. 54:1-35a, 54:1-35b, and 54:1-35c). Estimates at the time of building permit may be obtained by the tax assessor using construction cost estimates. Final EAV shall be determined at project completion by the municipal assessor.

**§20-2.4 Residential development fees.**

## a. Imposed fees.

1. Residential developers, except for developers of the types of development specifically exempted below, shall pay a fee of 1.5% of the equalized assessed value for residential development, provided no increased density is permitted. Development fees shall also be imposed and collected when an additional dwelling unit is added to an existing residential structure; in such cases, the fee shall be calculated based on the increase in the equalized assessed value of the property due to the additional dwelling unit.
2. When an increase in residential density is permitted pursuant to a “d” variance granted under N.J.S.A. 40:55D-70d(5), developers shall be required to pay a “bonus” development fee of 6.0% the equalized assessed value for each additional unit that may be realized, except that this provision shall not be applicable to a development that will include affordable housing. If the zoning on a site has changed during the two-year period preceding the filing of such a variance application, the base density for the purposes of calculating the bonus development fee shall be the highest density permitted by right during the two-year period preceding the filing of the variance application.

Example: If an approval allows four units to be constructed on a site that was zoned for two units, the fees could equal 1.5% of the equalized assessed value on the first two units; and the specified higher percentage of 6% of the equalized assessed value for the two additional units, provided zoning on the site has not changed during the two-year period preceding the filing of such a variance application.

- b. Eligible exactions, ineligible exactions and exemptions for residential development.
  - 1. Affordable housing developments, developments where the developer is providing for the construction of affordable units elsewhere in the municipality, and developments where the developer has made an eligible payment in lieu of on-site construction of affordable units, if permitted by ordinance, or by agreement with the municipality and if approved by a municipality, shall be exempt from development fees.
  - 2. Developments that have received preliminary or final site plan approval prior to the adoption of this section and any preceding ordinance permitting the collection of development fees shall be exempt from the payment of development fees, unless the developer seeks a substantial change in the original approval. Where a site plan approval does not apply, the issuance of a zoning and/or building permit shall be synonymous with preliminary or final site plan approval for the purpose of determining the right to an exemption. In all cases, the applicable fee percentage shall be determined based upon the development fee ordinance in effect on the date that the construction permit is issued.
  - 3. Development fees shall be imposed and collected when an existing structure undergoes a change to a more intense use, is demolished and replaced, or is expanded, if the expansion is not otherwise exempt from the development fee requirement. The development fee shall be calculated on the increase in the equalized assessed value of the improved structure.
  - 4. No development fee shall be collected for the demolition and replacement of a residential building resulting from a fire or natural disaster.

#### §20-2.5 Non-Residential development fees.

- a. Imposition of fees.
  - 1. Within all zoning districts, non-residential developers, except for developers of the types of development specifically exempted, shall pay a fee equal to 2.5% of the equalized assessed value of the land and improvements, for all new non-residential construction on an unimproved lot or lots.
  - 2. Within all zoning districts, non-residential developers, except for developers of the types of development specifically exempted, shall also pay a fee equal to 2.5% of the increase in equalized assessed value resulting from any additions to existing structures to be used for non-residential purposes.
  - 3. Development fees shall be imposed and collected when an existing structure is demolished and replaced. The development fee of 2.5% shall be calculated on the difference between the equalized assessed value of the pre-existing land and improvements and the equalized assessed value of the newly improved structure; i.e., land and improvements; and such calculation shall be made at the time a final certificate of occupancy is issued. If the calculation required under this section results in a negative number, the non-residential development fee shall be zero.
- b. Eligible exactions, ineligible exactions and exemptions for non-residential development.
  - 1. The non-residential portion of a mixed-use inclusionary or market-rate development shall be subject to a 2.5% development fee, unless otherwise exempted below.

2. The 2.5% fee shall not apply to an increase in equalized assessed value resulting from alterations, change in use within existing footprint, reconstruction, renovations and repairs.
- c. Non-residential developments shall be exempt from the payment of non-residential development fees in accordance with the exemptions required pursuant to the Statewide Non-Residential Development Fee Act (N.J.S.A. 40:55D-8.1 through 8.7), as specified in Form N-RDF "State of New Jersey Non-Residential Development Certification/Exemption." Any exemption claimed by a developer shall be substantiated by that developer.
- d. A developer of a non-residential development exempted from the non-residential development fee pursuant to the Statewide Non-Residential Development Fee Act shall be subject to the fee at such time as the basis for the exemption no longer applies, and shall make the payment of the non-residential development fee, in that event, within three years after that event or after the issuance of the final certificate of occupancy of the non-residential development, whichever is later.
- e. If a property that was exempted from the collection of a non-residential development fee thereafter ceases to be exempt from property taxation, the owner of the property shall remit the fees required pursuant to this section within 45 days of the termination of the property tax exemption. Unpaid non-residential development fees under these circumstances may be enforceable by the municipality as a lien against the real property of the owner.

#### §20-2.6 Collection procedures.

- a. Upon the granting of a preliminary, final or other applicable approval for a development, the applicable approving authority shall direct its staff to notify the construction official responsible for the issuance of a building permit.
- b. For non-residential developments only, the developer shall also be provided with a copy of Form N-RDF, "State of New Jersey Non-Residential Development Certification/Exemption," to be completed by the developer as per the instructions provided in the Form N-RDF. The construction official shall verify the information submitted by the non-residential developer as per the instructions provided on Form N-RDF. The tax assessor shall verify exemptions and prepare estimated and final assessments as per the instructions provided in Form N-RDF.
- c. The construction official responsible for the issuance of a building permit shall notify the tax assessor of the issuance of the first construction permit for a development that is subject to a development fee.
- d. Within 90 days of receipt of that notice, the tax assessor shall provide an estimate, based on the plans filed, of the equalized assessed value of the development.
- e. The construction official responsible for the issuance of a final certificate of occupancy shall notify the tax assessor of any and all requests for the scheduling of a final inspection on property that is subject to a development fee.
- f. Within 10 business days of a request for the scheduling of a final inspection, the tax assessor shall confirm or modify the previously estimated equalized assessed value of the improvements associated with the development; calculate the development fee; and

thereafter notify the developer of the amount of the fee.

- g. Should the municipality fail to determine or notify the developer of the amount of the development fee within 10 business days of the request for final inspection, the developer may estimate the amount due and pay that estimated amount consistent with the dispute process set forth in Subsection b. of section 37 of P.L.2008, c.46 (N.J.S.A. 40:55D-8.6).
- h. Fifty percent (50%) of the development fee shall be collected at the time of issuance of the construction permit. The remaining portion shall be collected at the time of issuance of the certificate of occupancy. The developer shall be responsible for paying the difference between the fee calculated at the time of issuance of the construction permit and that determined at the time of issuance of certificate of occupancy.

#### **§20-2.7 Appeal of development fees.**

- a. A developer may challenge residential development fees imposed by filing a challenge with the County Board of Taxation. Pending a review and determination by that board, collected fees shall be placed in an interest-bearing escrow account by the municipality. Appeals from a determination of the board may be made to the Tax Court in accordance with the provisions of the State Tax Uniform Procedure Law, R.S. 54:48-1 et seq., within 90 days after the date of such determination. Interest earned on amounts escrowed shall be credited to the prevailing party.
- b. A developer may challenge non-residential development fees imposed by filing a challenge with the director of the Division of Taxation. Pending a review and determination by the director, which shall be made within 45 days of receipt of the challenge, collected fees shall be placed in an interest-bearing escrow account by the municipality. Appeals from a determination of the director may be made to the Tax Court in accordance with the provisions of the State Tax Uniform Procedure Law, R.S. 54:48-1 et seq., within 90 days after the date of such determination. Interest earned on amounts escrowed shall be credited to the prevailing party.

#### **§20-2.8 Affordable Housing Trust Fund.**

- a. A separate, interest-bearing Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund shall be maintained by the chief financial officer of the municipality for the purpose of depositing development fees collected from residential and non-residential developers and proceeds from the sale of units with extinguished controls.
- b. The following additional funds shall be deposited in the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund and shall at all times be identifiable by source and amount:
  - 1. Payments in lieu of on-site construction of an affordable unit, where previously permitted by ordinance or by agreement with the municipality and if approved by a municipality prior to the statutory elimination of payments in-lieu on March 20, 2024 per P.L.2024, c.2;
  - 2. Funds contributed by developers to make 10% of the adaptable entrances in a townhouse or other multistory attached dwelling unit development accessible;
  - 3. Rental income from municipally operated units;
  - 4. Repayments from affordable housing program loans;

5. Recapture funds;
  6. Proceeds from the sale of affordable units; and
  7. Any other funds collected in connection with the municipal affordable housing program including but not limited to interest earned on fund deposits.
- c. The municipality shall provide the Division with written authorization, in the form of a tri-party escrow agreement(s) between the municipality, the Division and the financial institution in which the municipal affordable housing trust fund has been established to permit the Division to direct the disbursement of the funds as provided for in N.J.A.C. 5:99-2.1 et seq.
  - d. Occurrence of any of the deficiencies outlined in N.J.A.C. 5:99 may result in the Department requiring the forfeiture of all or a portion of the funds in the municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund.
  - e. All interest accrued in the housing trust fund shall only be used on eligible affordable housing purposes approved by the Court.

#### §20-2.9 Use of funds.

- a. The expenditure of all funds shall conform to a Spending Plan approved by Superior Court. Funds deposited in the municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund may be used for any activity approved by the Court to address the fair share obligation and may be set up as a grant or revolving loan program. Such activities include, but are not limited to: preservation or purchase of housing for the purpose of maintaining or implementing affordability controls; housing rehabilitation; new construction of affordable housing units and related costs; accessory apartments; a market-to-affordable program; conversion of existing non-residential buildings to create new affordable units; green building strategies designed to be cost-saving and in accordance with accepted national or state standards; purchase of land for affordable housing; improvement of land to be used for affordable housing; extensions or improvements of roads and infrastructure to affordable housing sites; financial assistance designed to increase affordability; administration necessary for implementation of the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan; and/or any other activity permitted by Superior Court and specified in the approved Spending Plan.
- b. Funds shall not be expended to reimburse the municipality or activities that occurred prior to the authorization of a municipality to collect development fees.
- c. At least a portion of all development fees collected and interest earned shall be used to provide affordability assistance to very low-, low- and moderate-income households in affordable units included in the municipal Fair Share Plan. A portion of the development fees which provide affordability assistance shall be used to provide affordability assistance to very low-income households.
  1. Affordability assistance programs may include down payment assistance, security deposit assistance, low-interest loans, rental assistance, assistance with homeowners association or condominium fees and special assessments, infrastructure assistance, and assistance with emergency repairs. The specific programs to be used for affordability assistance shall be identified and described within the Spending Plan.
  2. Affordability assistance for very low income households may include producing very

low-income units or buying down the cost of low- or moderate-income units in the municipal Fair Share Plan to make them affordable to households earning 30% or less of median income.

- d. No more than 20% of all affordable housing trust funds, exclusive of those collected to fund an RCA prior to July 17, 2008, shall be expended on administration, including, but not limited to, salaries and benefits for municipal employees or consultants' fees necessary to develop or implement a new construction program, prepare and implement a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, administer an Affirmative Marketing Program and for compliance with the Superior Court and the Program including the costs to the municipality of resolving a challenge.

#### §20-2.10 **Monitoring.**

- a. On or before February 15 of each year, the municipality shall provide annual electronic data reporting of trust fund activity for the previous year from January 1st to December 31st through the AHMS Reporting System. This reporting shall include an accounting of all Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund activity, including the sources and amounts of all funds collected and the amounts and purposes for which any funds have been expended. Such reporting shall include an accounting of development fees collected from residential and non-residential developers, payments in lieu of constructing affordable units on site, funds from the sale of units with extinguished controls, barrier-free escrow funds, rental income from municipally-owned affordable housing units, repayments from affordable housing program loans, interest and any other funds collected in connection with municipal housing programs, as well as an accounting of the expenditures of revenues and implementation of the Spending Plan approved by the Court.

#### §20-2.11 **Ongoing collection of fees.**

- a. The ability to impose, collect and expend development fees shall continue so long as the municipality retains authorization from the Court in the form of Compliance Certification or the good faith effort to obtain it.
- b. If the municipality fails to renew its ability to impose and collect development fees prior to the expiration of its Judgment of Compliance or Compliance Certification, it may be subject to forfeiture of any or all funds remaining within its Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Any funds so forfeited shall be deposited into the New Jersey Affordable Housing Trust Fund established pursuant to section 20 of P.L.1985, c.222 (C. 52:27D-320).

#### §20-2.12 **Emergent affordable housing opportunities.**

Requests to expend affordable housing trust funds on emergent affordable housing opportunities not included in the municipal fair share plan shall be made to the Division and shall be in the form of a governing body resolution. Any request shall be consistent with N.J.A.C. 5:99-4.1.

**SECTION 2.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed as to such inconsistencies.

**SECTION 3.** If any article, section, subsection, paragraph, phrase, or sentence is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, said article, section, subsection, paragraph, phrase or sentence shall be deemed separable, and such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance and the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 4.** In the event of any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Ordinance and any prior ordinance of the Township of Frelinghuysen, the provisions hereof shall be determined to govern. All other parts, portions and provisions of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Frelinghuysen are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where inconsistent with the terms hereof.

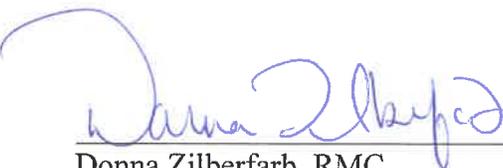
**SECTION 5.** After introduction, the Township Clerk is hereby directed to submit a copy of the within Ordinance to the Planning Board of the Township of Frelinghuysen for its review in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26 and N.J.S.A. 40:55D-64. The Planning Board is directed to make and transmit to the Township Committee, within 35 days after referral, a report including identification of any provisions in the proposed ordinance which are inconsistent with the master plan and recommendations concerning any inconsistencies and any other matter as the Board deems appropriate.

**SECTION 6.** Upon the adoption of this Ordinance after a public hearing thereon, the Township Clerk is further directed to publish notice of the passage thereof and to file a copy of the Ordinance with the Warren County Planning Board as required by N.J.S.A. 40:55D-16. The Clerk shall also forthwith transmit a copy of this Ordinance after final passage to the Township Tax Assessor as required by N.J.S.A. 40:49-2.1.

**SECTION 7.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication thereof according to law.

#### CERTIFICATION

I, Donna Zilberfarb, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Frelinghuysen, do hereby certify the above to be a true copy introduced by the Frelinghuysen Township Committee at a meeting held on February 18, 2026 and was adopted on final reading at the meeting of the Frelinghuysen Township Committee held on March 12, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Municipal Building, 210 Main Street, Johnsonburg, New Jersey.

  
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Donna Zilberfarb, RMC

Motion was made by Ms. Drylie to open for first reading for introduction, seconded by Ms. Natyzak.

**Roll Call Vote for Introduction:**

Ms. Drylie – yes  
Mr. James – yes  
Ms. Natyzak – yes  
Mr. Perez – yes  
Mr. Togno – yes

Motion was made by Mr. Togno to open for first reading for introduction, seconded by Ms. Drylie.

**Roll Call Vote for Adoption:**

Ms. Drylie – yes

Mr. James – yes

Ms. Natyzak – yes

Mr. Perez – yes

Mr. Togno – yes

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