

TOWNSHIP OF HOPE, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE FOURTH ROUND HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN PREPARED BY HEYER, GRUEL & ASSOCIATES DATED FEBRUARY 2026 AND AMENDING THE HOUSING ELEMENT OF THE MASTER PLAN OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPE WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE LAND USE BOARD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPE
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-30**

WHEREAS, the Township of Hope, County of Warren, State of New Jersey filed a Declaratory Judgment Complaint and, as a result of participation in the Program, established Fourth Round affordable housing obligations of zero (0) present need and Thirty-One (31) units prospective need for the years 2025-2035; and

WHEREAS, the Township filed a Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan dated May 2025; and

WHEREAS, Fair Share Housing Center filed a challenge to the Township's Housing Element and Fair Share Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hope has entered into a settlement agreement with Fair Share Housing Center regarding the Township's Fourth Round Affordable Housing obligations which require certain revisions to the Township's Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Land Use Board of the Township of Hope conducted a public hearing regarding the amended Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan dated February 2026, to the Master Plan on March 15, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Land Use Board of the Township of Hope determined the amended Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan dated February 2026, was reasonable and appropriately addresses the planning for the provision of the affordable housing within the Township with due regard and consideration of environmental and other factors impacting such development, was consistent with the goals and objectives of the Master Plan of the Township of Hope, will guide the use of lands in the municipality in a manner which protects public health and safety and promotes the general welfare in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-28, and is designed to give access to affordable housing to meet present and prospective housing needs in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:27D-310; and

WHEREAS, the Land Use Board of the Township of Hope adopted the amended Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan dated February 2026, by Resolution dated March 15, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Hope, County of Warren hereby endorses the amended Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan dated February 2026, as adopted by the Land Use Board of the Township of Hope.

Motion to adopt: Mr. Urfer Second: Mr. Kruk

Roll Call: Mr. Kruk – yes; Mr. Urfer – yes; Mayor McDonough - yes

Adopted: March 15, 2026

CERTIFICATION

I, Robin Keggan, Clerk of the Township of Hope, County of Warren do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Hope on March 15, 2026.


Robin Keggan, Municipal Clerk
Township Clerk