

RESOLUTION 2026-58

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2026 TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND SPENDING PLAN BY THE TOWNSHIP OF LOPATCONG, COUNTY OF WARREN, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2025, the Township of Lopatcong (“Township”) adopted Resolution 2025-46, which established the Township’s Fourth Round present and prospective need obligations pursuant to the amended Fair Housing Act (“FHS”) at N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et. seq., per P.L. 2024, c.2; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2025, the Township filed a Declaratory Judgment Action (“DJ Action”) in the New Jersey Superior Court captioned In the Matter of the Application of the Township of Lopatcong, WRN-L-000058-25, seeking among other things, compliance certifications; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2025, the Court entered an Order fixing the Township’s Fourth Round present need obligation as zero (0) and prospective need obligation as eighty-one (81); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board of the Township of Lopatcong (“Planning Board”) held a public hearing and voted to adopt the Township’s Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan (“Fourth HEFSP”), addressing the Township’s prior round obligations, Third Round Obligations and Fourth Round obligations as established; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board adopted the Amended Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan dated February 13, 2026; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Amended FHA, a municipality may not spend or commit to spend any affordable housing development fees collected and deposited into the municipal affordable housing trust fund, without first obtaining the approval of the expenditure as part of its compliance certification; and

WHEREAS, the Township now seeks to adopt a Spending Plan outlining how the municipality intends to allocate development fees and other funds, and how the municipality proposes to expend funds for affordability assistance, especially those funds earmarked for very low-income affordability assistance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 4th day of March 2026, that the by the Township Council of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, hereby adopts the 2026 Township of Lopatcong Affordable Housing Trust Fund Spending Plan.

CERTIFICATION

I, Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Lopatcong, County of Warren, do hereby certify the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Township Council on Wednesday, March 4, 2026.



Margaret B. Dilts, Municipal Clerk
Township of Lopatcong