MANNINGTON TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANNINGTON ENDORSING THE HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN ADOPTED BY THE MANNINGTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING BOARD

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2024, Governor Murphy signed <u>P.L. 2024, c.2</u> into law, which amended the 1985 New Jersey Fair Housing Act; and

WHEREAS, for ease in reference, this resolution shall refer to the Fair Housing Act as amended as "FHA II"; and

WHEREAS, FHA II established a procedure by which municipalities can secure approval of a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan (HEFSP") and secure immunity while developing and seeking approval of a Plan; and

WHEREAS, that procedure contemplated that municipalities would adopt a resolution by January 31, 2025 committing to a fair share number and filing a declaratory relief action within 48 hours from adoption of the resolution and then filing a HEFSP by June 30, 2025 with the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program (the "Program") within 48 hours of adoption of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with this statutory procedure, the Township adopted a binding resolution concerning its fair share and filed a declaratory relief action within 48 hours from adoption of the resolution; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a procedure established by FHA II, the Township was granted an order by the Court dated April 28, 2025 establishing the prospective need at Mannington's Round 4 present need at 0 and prospective need at 8; and

WHEREAS, the Township asked its affordable housing planning consultant, Michael F. Sullivan, ASLA, AICP, Clarke Caton Hintz to prepare an HEFSP to address the Township's affordable housing obligations under FHA II; and

WHEREAS, Michael F. Sullivan, ASLA, AICP, prepared the HEFSP entitled "Fourth Round Housing Plan Element and Fair Share Plan, Mannington Township, Salem County, New Jersey," dated June 6, 2025, and the Mannington Township Planning Board thereafter adopted the HEFSP on June 18, 2025, as memorialized by Resolution 09-2025 entitled "A Resolution of the Planning Board of the Township of Mannington Adopting a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan for Round Four," dated June 18, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2025, at 2:29:23 PM, in accordance with the procedure established by FHA II, the Township's Affordable Housing Counsel filed the duly adopted HEFSP with the Program created by FHA II, such date and time being within 48 hours after the Planning Board's adoption of the HEFSP; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee now wishes to endorse the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan adopted by the Mannington Township Planning Board and seek approval of the HEFSP by the Program and Court.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Committee of the Township of Mannington, County of Salem, State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 1. The Township Committee hereby endorses the HEFSP that was adopted by the Mannington Township Planning Board on June 18, 2025, as described above.
- 2. The Township Committee hereby directs the Township's Affordable Housing Counsel to (a) file this resolution with the Program, along with any additional documents the professionals deem necessary or desirable; and (b) seek a Compliance Certification from the Program or Vicinage area judge as may be appropriate formally approving the Plan.
- 3. The Township reserves the right to further amend the HEFSP, should that be necessary.

ATTEST:

Dated: June 30, 2025

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Donald C. Asay, Mayor

It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Mannington Township Committee at a regular meeting held on June 30, 2025.

Amber Ayars, Acting Clerk