

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPARTA

Sussex County, New Jersey

No. 25-118

Date of Adoption: 6/24/2025

Title or Subject:

9-8 Resolution Endorsing the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan

Introduced by: Councilman Blumetti

Seconded by: Councilman Scott

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2024, the Governor approved L. 2024, c. 2, which amended the Fair Housing Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301, et seq., with respect to municipalities' affordable housing obligations and including the fourth round affordable housing obligations covering the period July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2035, and provided that, pursuant to the formulas and process established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-304.2 and 52:27D-304.3, as amended, a municipality is authorized to seek approval of its fair share affordable housing obligation, adopted pursuant to binding resolution and then filed with the Court, with the guidance of calculations published by the Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the process so established is being implemented, in accordance with Administrative Directive #14-24 of the Administrative Director of the Courts, through the filing of an action in the form of a Declaratory Judgment Complaint and Civil Case Information Statement in the county in which the municipality is located; and

WHEREAS, on January 29, 2025, the Township of Sparta ("Township") filed a declaratory judgment action under Docket No. SSX-L-69-25 Sparta with the Superior Court of New Jersey, Sussex County ("the DJ action") seeking to declare its Housing Element and Fair Share Plan ("HEFSP") as being constitutionally compliant, and seeking protection and repose against exclusionary zoning litigation for a ten (10) year period; and

WHEREAS, the Township has a Fourth Round Prospective Need Obligation of 311 units/credits and a Present Need Obligation of 10 units/credits, as set forth by the

recommendation of the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program (“the Program”) and thereafter set forth via Court Order by the Honorable Judge Janine Allen on May 6, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Superior Court of New Jersey has ordered that municipalities that have filed declaratory judgment actions must file updated HEFSPs that address their affordable housing obligations as calculated by their respective municipal experts by June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Township’s affordable housing consultant, Katherine Sarmad, PP, AICP has prepared an HEFSP that addresses the Township’s affordable housing obligation (the “2025 HEFSP”); and

WHEREAS, after conducting a public hearing on June 18, 2025, after giving public notice pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-13 on the proposed amendment of the Master Plan of the Township of Sparta to include the proposed 2025 HEFSP, the Planning Board adopted said 2025 HEFSP; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5: 97-2.1 (a) and/or otherwise, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Sparta have determined to endorse the 2025 HEFSP; and

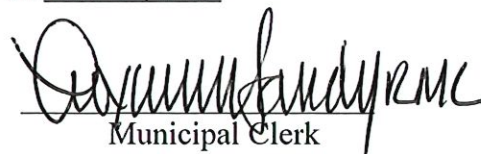
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Sparta, Sussex County, New Jersey, on this 24th day of June 2025, that the Mayor and Council hereby endorse the 2025 HEFSP adopted by the Planning Board as an amendment to the Master Plan of the Township of Sparta; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be filed with the Superior Court by on or before June 30, 2025.

RECORD VOTE OF COUNCIL ON FINAL PASSAGE									
COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
BLUMETTI	X				MURPHY	X			
CLARK	X				SCOTT	X			

I, Roxanne Landy, Municipal Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted at the Regular meeting of the Council held on June 24, 2025

June 25, 2025
Date


Municipal Clerk