

**WATERFORD TOWNSHIP JOINT LAND USE BOARD
CAMDEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION #25-07

**RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING JOINT LAND USE BOARD APPROVAL OF
THE FOURTH ROUND HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN TO
OBTAIN A FOURTH ROUND JUDGMENT OF COMPLIANCE AND REPOSE**

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2015, the New Jersey Supreme Court issued its decision in the case of In Re Adoption of N.J.A.C. 5:96 and 5:97 by NJ Council on Affordable Housing, holding that enforcement of the Fair Housing Act ("FHA") and the Mount Laurel Doctrine be returned from the NJ Council on Affordable Housing ("COAH") to the New Jersey Superior Courts, due to COAH's failure to adopt Third Round Rules on municipal affordable housing obligations; and

WHEREAS, the Township continues to actively implement its Court-approved Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2024, Governor Murphy signed into law P.L. 2024, c.2, which amended the 1985 New Jersey Fair Housing Act (the "Amended FHA"); and

WHEREAS, the Township adopted a binding Resolution 2025-86 accepting the DCA-calculated "Present Need" and "Prospective Need" as required by the Amended FHA, on January 29, 2025 accepting its Round 4 (2025-2035) "Present Need" Obligation of 10 units and the DCA-calculated Fourth Round "Prospective Need" Obligation to 52 units; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Amended FHA, the Township's affordable housing Planner drafted a Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan; and

WHEREAS, upon notice duly provided pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55d-13, the Joint Land Use Board held a public hearing on the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan on June 25, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Land Use Board determined that the attached Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Township's current Master Plan, and that adoption and implementation of the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan is in the public interest and protects public health and safety and promotes the general welfare; and

WHEREAS, the meeting was open to the public and the public was given the opportunity to comment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Joint Land Use Board for the Township of Waterford, County of Camden, and State of New Jersey, that it does hereby adopt the Fourth Round Master Plan Housing Element and Fair Share Plan dated June 25, 2025 attached hereto as Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Joint Land Use Board for the Township of Waterford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that the Secretary of the Joint Land Use Board is authorized to provide the Township Committee of Waterford Township and all outside agencies with a copy of said Plan and this Resolution including, but not limited to the County of Camden, State Office of Planning Advocacy, Camden County Planning Board and notice of the adoption of same shall be sent to the Municipal Clerk of each adjoining municipality; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution will take effect immediately upon adoption.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that notice of this decision shall be published in the official newspaper of the Township of Waterford.

Attest:


Debra Shaw-Blemings, Board Secretary


Ken Mauriello, Board Chairman

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the Planning Board of the Township of Waterford, County of Camden, State of New Jersey adopted the foregoing Resolutions at its meeting held in the Municipal Building, 2131 Auburn Avenue, Atco, New Jersey, June 25, 2025 and said Resolution was authorized for memorialization at a meeting held on June 25, 2025.


Debra Shaw-Blemings, Board Secretary