

**BINDING RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH,
GLOUCESTER COUNTY, ACCEPTING THE ROUND 4 PRESENT AND
PROSPECTIVE NEED OBLIGATIONS AS CALCULATED BY THE NEW
JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.**

R-2025-38

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2024, Governor Murphy signed into law substantial amendments to the New Jersey Fair Housing Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 to 329 (“FHA”), setting forth the procedures, deadlines, and substantive statutory provisions to be applied by New Jersey municipalities for the period between July of 2025 and July of 2035, commonly referenced as “Round 4;” and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the FHA, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (“DCA”) on October 18, 2024 published its statewide calculations of the present and prospective affordable housing obligations for every New Jersey municipality; and

WHEREAS, per DCA’s calculations, the TOWNSHIP of WOOLWICH’s Round 4 affordable housing obligations are:

1. Present (“Rehabilitation”) Need: 16
2. Prospective (“New Construction”) Need: 241

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2024, the New Jersey Administrative Office of the Courts issued Directive #14-24 which, among other things, directed municipalities to file a Declaratory Judgment Complaint and Case Information Statement in the New Jersey Superior Court, Law Division, within 48 hours of the adoption of this Binding Resolution; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the fact that the TOWNSHIP likely lacks sufficient sewer and water infrastructure and capacity to fully address its 241-unit Prospective Need, it intends to

accept the DCA's calculations and will likely seek a "durational adjustment" as a component of its Round 4 Housing Element and Fair Share Plan; and

WHEREAS, the TOWNSHIP also intends to accept the DCA's 16-unit Present Need and will take measures to satisfy said obligation as a part of its ongoing Affordable Housing Rehabilitation Program for the period between 2025 and 2035.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the governing body of the TOWNSHIP of WOOLWICH, County of GLOUCESTER, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The TOWNSHIP of WOOLWICH hereby accepts and adopts the DCA's "fair share" obligations thereby establishing the TOWNSHIP's Present Need obligation of 16 and its Prospective Need obligation of 241; and
2. Within 48 hours of the adoption of this Binding Resolution, the TOWNSHIP's Special Mount Laurel Counsel is directed to file the mandatory Declaratory Judgment Complaint and Case Information Statement in the New Jersey Superior Court, Law Division, and to take any associated ancillary actions as required by law; and
3. A certified copy of this Binding Resolution shall be immediately forwarded to (a) the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; (b) the TOWNSHIP's Special Mount Laurel Counsel and Planner, and (c) Fair Share Housing Center; and

A true copy of this Binding Resolution shall be posted on the TOWNSHIP's official website within 48 hours of adoption.

Adopted this 21st day of January, 2025

TOWNSHIP OF WOOLWICH

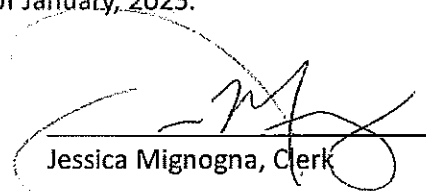
ATTEST:


Jessica Mignogna, Clerk


Michael Nocentino, Deputy Mayor

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Woolwich at a meeting held on the 21st day of January, 2025.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JM', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Jessica Mignogna, Clerk