

RESOLUTION 2018-201

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING A THIRD ROUND HOUSING
ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN**

WHEREAS, in 2008, Florence Township’s Planning Board adopted a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan that addressed the Township’s Rehabilitation Need, Prior Round and Third Round “fair share” obligations; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council endorsed the 2008 Plan which received third round substantive certification from the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) on July 8, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Supreme Court invalidated COAH’s Third Round rules and ordered COAH to adopt new rules based upon its Prior Round rules and methodologies (see In re Adoption of N.J.A.C. 5:96 and 5:97, 215 N.J. 578 (2013)); and

WHEREAS, COAH failed to adopt new rules, and on March 10, 2015, the Supreme Court transferred responsibility to review and approve housing elements and fair share plans from COAH to designated Mount Laurel trial judges within the Superior Court; and

WHEREAS, July 8, 2015, the Township submitted a Declaratory Judgement Action to the New Jersey Superior Court; and

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2017 the Superior Court approved the Settlement Agreement between the Township of Florence and Fair Share Housing Center (FSHC) which included the Township’s three-part fair share obligation and the Township’s preliminary compliance measures; and

WHEREAS, the Township’s Affordable Housing Planning Consultant Mary Beth Lonergan, PP, AICP and Kendra Lelie, PP, AICP, LLA of Clarke Caton Hintz, PC, prepared a 2018 Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan; and

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2018, the Florence Township’s Planning Board adopted a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan that addresses the Township’s Rehabilitation Need, Prior Round and Third Round “fair share” obligations; and

WHEREAS, on May 16, 2018, the Township Council adopted a resolution endorsing the 2018 Housing Element and Fair Share Plan adopted by the Planning Board on April 24, 2018; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the adoption of the Housing Element by the Planning Board and endorsement by the Township Council, the Court Master, Elizabeth McKenzie, PP, AICP, requested revisions to the history section of the Housing Plan as well as clarification on the implementation of the compliance mechanisms which also required revisions to the Spending Plan.

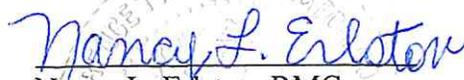
WHEREAS, the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan has been amended to reflect the requested revisions from the Court Master.

WHEREAS, upon notice duly provided pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-13, the Planning Board held a public hearing on the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan and adopted the Plan on August 28, 2018; and

WHEREAS, COAH's Prior Round rules at N.J.A.C. 5:91-2.2(a), requires that the Township Council endorse the Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan adopted by the Planning Board.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of Florence Township in the County of Burlington, and the State of New Jersey hereby endorses the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan as adopted by the Planning Board on August 28, 2018.

I, NANCY L. ERLSTON, CLERK of the Township of Florence, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true copy of the Resolution approved by the Township Council at their September 5, 2018 meeting.


Nancy L. Erlston, RMC
Township Clerk

Note: This Resolution endorses the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan adopted by the Planning Board.