

**TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL  
MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**R E S O L U T I O N #25-133**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, MERCER  
COUNTY, AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, on January 27, 2025, the Township Committee certified its fair share obligation pursuant to the requirements of the Fair Housing Act; and

**WHEREAS**, challenges to the Township's certification were filed by Fair Share Housing Center and the New Jersey Builders Association; and

**WHEREAS**, the administrative program established by the Administrative Office of the Courts to adjudicate such challenges held a "Settlement Conference" on March 11, 2025 and a "Session" on March 20, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Mary C. Jacobson, A.J.S.C. (ret.) presided at the Settlement Conference and Session; and

**WHEREAS**, John Maczuga, PP, AICP, served as the Special Adjudicator at the Settlement Conference and Session; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to the Session, the Township and FSHC reached tentative agreement, which agreement was placed on the record at the Session and was endorsed by Judge Jacobson and Special Adjudicator Maczuga; and

**WHEREAS**, NJBA issued a letter indicating that it would not challenge any agreement reached between FSHC and the municipality; and


**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee now adopts the terms of that settlement, which requires that the Township shall as part of its housing element and fair share plan show how it continues to create a realistic opportunity for 520 credits for the Prior Round, 1,167 credits for the Third Round, and 399 credits for the Fourth Round.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 24th day of March, 2025, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, in the County of Mercer, and the State of New Jersey, that the Township attorney is authorized to execute the settlement agreement with FSHC as attached hereto or as may be amended as to form but not substance.

Date Adopted: March 24, 2025

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Katherine Fenton-Newman, Municipal Clerk, of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township Committee at the special meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025, in the Municipal Building Auditorium, Hopewell Township, New Jersey.

  
Katherine Fenton-Newman, CMR, RMC  
Municipal Clerk