

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

R E S O L U T I O N #17-369

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

WHEREAS, the Township of Hopewell filed a declaratory judgment action with the Superior Court of Mercer County to have the Court review and approve its third round affordable housing initiatives pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-313 in the matter captioned In the Matter of the Application of the Township of Hopewell, Docket No. MER-L-1557-15 (Mount Laurel); and

WHEREAS, the Township entered into four (4) separate Mount Laurel Settlement Agreements with several property owners and developers who desire to produce affordable housing during the third round and with Fair Share Housing Center (FSHC) which was designated by the Supreme Court as an interested party and acknowledged representative of the Mount Laurel beneficiaries in all third round affordable housing proceedings throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the four Settlement Agreements were approved by the Superior Court after the Court conducted a Fairness Hearing upon adequate notice to the public and require that the Township and the Planning Board adopt a third round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan to implement the terms of the settlements which will be the subject of a Compliance Hearing before the Court on December 14, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the third round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan are anticipated to be approved and endorsed by the Hopewell Township Planning Board at hearings on November 16, 2017 and December 7, 2017 and the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell is required under the terms of the settlements and the rules adopted by the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing to adopt a Resolution formally endorsing the third round Housing Element and approving the third round Fair Share Plan.

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Resolution is to accomplish the foregoing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell that it herewith endorses the third round Housing Element and approves the third round Fair Share Plan and directs that a certified copy of this Resolution be filed with the Court and forwarded to all parties on the Court's Service List.

CERTIFICATION

I, Laurie Gompf, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Hopewell, hereby CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell at a duly advertised meeting held on November 13, 2017, at which a quorum was present.

Laurie E. Gompf
Municipal Clerk