



**BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
MARCH 10, 2026 AT 7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Law in that the requirements of the law have been met with the posting of the meeting notice on the Municipal Bulletin Board, filed with the Borough Clerk and forwarded to The Courier News and The Star Ledger.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Mayor Dominic Longo
Council President Kendall Lopez
C. Trina Folkes
C. Shawn Guerra
C. David Morris
C. Glen Rossi
C. Mark Speed

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ADVERTISED HEARING OR SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- A/ Proclamation Recognizing Patrol Officer Dennis Sabal for Life-Saving Efforts
- B/ Proclamation Recognizing Patrol Officer Brianna Robinson for Life-Saving Efforts

AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE SESSION

2026-085 Resolution Authorizing Executive Session-Pending Litigation

Motion: Second: All in favor:



PRESENTATION OF COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, ETC.

GREETINGS FOR COMMENTS AND INVITATIONS FOR DISCUSSION

OPENING OF BIDS

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

ORDINANCE ON FINAL READING AND CONSIDERATION- SECOND READING

Resolution 2026-069 Resolution Acknowledging Receipt and Review of the Planning Board Consistency Report for Ordinance No. 20226-06

Motion: Second:

Roll Call:

C. Kendall Lopez ___ C. Trina Folkes ___ C. Shawn Guerra ___

C. David Morris ___ C. Glen Rossi ___ C. Mark Speed ___

Ordinance 2026-06 Ordinance 2026-06 An Ordinance Amending the Redevelopment Plan for Redevelopment Areas 1 and 2 Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ.

Motion to open public comment: Second:

Public Comment:

Motion to close public comment: Second:

Motion: Movant: I move the ordinance be passed on second reading and advertised according to law.

Second: Discussion:

Roll Call:

C. Kendall Lopez ___ C. Trina Folkes ___ C. Shawn Guerra ___

C. David Morris ___ C. Glen Rossi ___ C. Mark Speed ___

Resolution 2026-070 Resolution Acknowledging Receipt and Review of the Planning Board Consistency Report for Ordinance No. 20226-09

Motion: Second:



Roll Call:

C. Kendall Lopez ___ C. Trina Folkes ___ C. Shawn Guerra ___

C. David Morris ___ C. Glen Rossi ___ C. Mark Speed ___

Ordinance 2026-09 An Ordinance Amending the Code of the Borough of Bound Brook by Repealing and Replacing Chapter 15, Housing, Article IV, Fair Housing, in its Entirety

Motion to open public comment: Second:

Public Comment:

Motion to close public comment: Second:

Motion: Movant: I move the ordinance be passed on second reading and advertised according to law.

Second:

Discussion:

Roll Call:

C. Kendall Lopez ___ C. Trina Folkes ___ C. Shawn Guerra ___

C. David Morris ___ C. Glen Rossi ___ C. Mark Speed ___

Ordinance 2026-10 Bond Ordinance Providing for the Hamilton Street Plaza Project in and by the Borough of Bound Brook, in the County of Somerset, New Jersey, Appropriating \$1,900,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$1,900,000 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance the Cost Thereof

Motion to open public comment: Second:

Public Comment:

Motion to close public comment: Second:

Motion: Movant: I move the ordinance be passed on second reading and advertised according to law.

Second:

Discussion:



Roll Call:

C. Kendall Lopez ___ C. Trina Folkes ___ C. Shawn Guerra ___

C. David Morris ___ C. Glen Rossi ___ C. Mark Speed ___

Ordinance 2026-11 Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank in Calendar Year 2026 Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:4-45.14

Motion to open public comment: Second:

Public Comment:

Motion to close public comment: Second:

Motion: Movant: I move the ordinance be passed on second reading and advertised according to law.

Second: Discussion:

Roll Call:

C. Kendall Lopez ___ C. Trina Folkes ___ C. Shawn Guerra ___

C. David Morris ___ C. Glen Rossi ___ C. Mark Speed ___

Ordinance 2026-12 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, "Administration", Article VI "Boards, Commissions, Committees and Agencies", Section 2-35 "Library Advisory Board" to Amend the Establishment and Authority of the Library Advisory Board and Designate the Borough Administrator as Liaison

Motion to open public comment: Second:

Public Comment:

Motion to close public comment: Second:

Motion: Movant: I move the ordinance be passed on second reading and advertised according to law.

Second: Discussion:



Roll Call:
C. Kendall Lopez ___ C. Trina Folkes ___ C. Shawn Guerra ___
C. David Morris ___ C. Glen Rossi ___ C. Mark Speed ___

INTRODUCTION/DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTIONS

The resolutions listed below were submitted to the Governing Body for review and will be adopted by one motion.

If separate discussion is desired, the resolution may be removed by council action.

Motion:	Second:	All in favor:
2026-071	Resolution Adopting Recreation Fees for 2026	
2026-072	Resolution Adopting the Updated Affirmative Marketing Plan for the Borough of Bound Brook	
2026-073	Resolution for Temporary Emergency Appropriation	
2026-074	Resolution Adopting an Amended Housing Element and Fair Share Housing Plan for the Borough of Bound Brook	
2026-075	Resolution Authorizing Professional Services Contract with Community Grants, Planning & Housing (CGP&H) and Appointing CGP&H as Administrative Agent for Administering Affordable Housing Units in Bound Brook	
2026-076	Resolution Approving the Hire of Kevin Jimenez as Full Time Laborer for the Department of Public Works	
2026-077	Resolution Acknowledging the Resignation of Judith Bailey from the Library Advisory Board	
2026-078	Resolution Authorizing the Readvertisement and Rebidding of the SCLSNJ Bound Brook Library Alterations Project	
2026-079	Resolution Acknowledging the Resignation of Darius Foster as Patrol Officer for the Bound Brook Police Department	
2026-080	Resolution Amending a Resolution Authorizing an Agreement by and Between Somerset County and the Borough of Bound Brook for Recycling Services to Include an Account Number	



2026-081 Resolution Reappointing Jason Gianotto as Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator

2026-082 Resolution Accepting Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund (DDEF) Grant from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety in the Amount of \$47,052.84

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

2026-083 Resolution Approving Vouchers in the Amount of \$571,493.68

Motion: Second:

Roll Call:

C. Kendall Lopez ___ C. Trina Folkes ___ C. Shawn Guerra ___

C. David Morris ___ C. Glen Rossi ___ C. Mark Speed ___

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENT

AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE SESSION

2026-084 Resolution Authorizing Executive Session-Pending Litigation

Motion: Second: All in favor:

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Second: All in favor:

BOROUGH OF BOUND
County of Somerset

RESOLUTION 2026-085

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, NJSA 10:4-12 allows for a public body to go into closed session during a public meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bound Brook has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss matters which are exempted from the public; and

WHEREAS, the regular meeting of the Borough of Bound Brook will reconvene.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council will go into closed session for the following reasons as outlined in NJSA 10:4-12; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough of Bound Brook hereby declares that the discussion of subject(s) may be made public at a time when the Borough Attorney advises the Borough Council that the disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the Borough or any other entity with respect to said discussion. That time is currently estimated as the time of said matter.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Borough is excluded from the portion of the meeting during which the discussion(s) shall take place and hereby directs the Municipal Clerk to take the appropriate action to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

Reason for Closed Session –Pending Litigation

Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations which the public body is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as lawyer.

Under certain circumstances, if public disclosure of the matter would have a potentially negative impact on the borough's position in the litigation or negotiation, this information may be withheld until such time that the matter is concluded, or the circumstances no longer present a potential impact.

Attest:

Approved:

Jasmine D. McCoy, Borough Clerk

Mayor Dominic Longo

Date of Adoption: March 10, 2026

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK
COUNTY OF SOMERSET

RESOLUTION 2026-069

**RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT AND REVIEW OF THE PLANNING
BOARD CONSISTENCY REPORT FOR ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bound Brook introduced Ordinance No. 2026-06, An Ordinance Amending the Redevelopment Plan for Redevelopment Areas 1 and 2 Prepared Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ. on January 27, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Borough referred the aforesaid Ordinance to the Planning Board pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26(a); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board reported its findings by and through the issuance of a Report dated February 26, 2026 and found that the proposed development regulation, revision or amendment thereto is consistent with the Borough's Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Bound Brook acknowledges receipt of the Planning Board's Report and has reviewed the said Report which finds the Ordinance to be consistent with the Borough's Master Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution, certified by the Borough Clerk to be a true copy be forwarded to the Planning Board Secretary.

ATTEST

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK

Jasmine D. McCoy
Borough Clerk

Mayor Dominic Longo

Date of Adoption: March 10, 2026

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK
County of Somerset

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR REDEVELOPMENT AREAS 1 AND 2 PREPARED PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 ET SEQ.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the “Local Redevelopment and Housing Law,” P.L.1992, c.79 (N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-1 et seq.), the Bound Brook Borough Council (“Borough Council”), by a Resolution adopted in February 2000, determined that a significant portion of the Borough of Bound Brook including its downtown was an area in need of redevelopment pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-5 and 6 (the “Redevelopment Area”); and

WHEREAS, subsequently, the Redevelopment Area was divided into two (2) parts, known as Redevelopment Area 1 (the eastern portion) and Redevelopment Area 2 (the western portion); and

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2000, the Borough Council adopted a Redevelopment Plan for Redevelopment Areas 1 and 2 which have been the subject of a series of amendments over the years; and

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2025, the Borough Planning Board adopted the Borough’s Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan which recommended that all sub areas designated within Redevelopment Areas 1 and 2 require a 25% affordable housing set aside for any residential development; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bound Brook, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to the Borough’s adopted housing plan, the following amendments shall be incorporated into the redevelopment plans as outlined below in subsections (a) for the Amended Redevelopment Plan for Area 1 and (b) for the Amended Redevelopment Plan for Area 2 by deleting the text **[marked in bold and enclosed in brackets]** and inserting the text **underlined and marked in bold**, to read as follows:

- (a) Amended Redevelopment Plan Area 1: Sub-Areas 1.1 through 1.5 adopted August 11, 2015 and amended through February 14, 2023, Section 9, General Provisions, Subsection 9.11, page 82 entitled “Affordability Housing Requirements and Non-Residential Development Fees shall be amended to read as follows:

“Any [R]residential projects within [Sub-Area 1.5] all subzones within Redevelopment Area 1 that includes 5 or more residential units, whether as a stand-alone or mixed use project, shall [are required to] provide housing affordable to households qualifying as low and moderate income as per the income limits established for Somerset County by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. For every four (4) new residential units, at least one (1) new affordable housing unit, consistent with New Jersey’s Fair Housing Act, shall be provided.

[The bedroom distribution mix for the affordable housing units] The units so created shall [follow the ranges established in] be subject to the [administrative rules of the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing] Uniform Housing Affordability Controls (UHAC) regulations or by relevant judicial decisions by New Jersey courts [unless the developer can provide the Planning Board with a substantive justification for why the public interest would be better served by deviating from those standards.]

Nothing in this Redevelopment Plan **[for Sub-Area 1.5]** precludes projects with a higher percentage of affordable housing units, including residential projects that are 100% affordable.

[Bound Brook residents shall be given priority access to any affordable housing units created in Sub-Area 1.5 unless otherwise precluded by applicable law or regulation, in which case those units shall be affirmatively marketed to Bound Brook residents.]

The Borough may, at its discretion, accept a monetary contribution — equivalent to the cost of the project’s affordable housing obligation — to the Borough’s Affordable Housing Trust Fund, to be used by the Borough for the planning, permitting, land acquisition, financing, subsidizing, construction and/or rehabilitation of affordable housing units off-site, in lieu of satisfying the project’s affordable housing obligation on-site.

Any legally-enforceable development fees required by the Borough shall also apply to all non-residential development **[in Sub-Area 1.5,]** except for those uses specifically exempted from such obligation.

- (b) Amended Redevelopment Plan Area 2: Sub-Areas 2.1 through 2.3 adopted August 10, 2021 and amended through July 26, 2022, Section 8, General Provisions, Subsection 8.11, page 46 entitled “Affordability Housing Component” shall amended to read as follows:

[For every] Any residential development of 5 units or more, whether as a stand-alone or mixed use project, shall, for every four (4) new units of residential construction, provide for one (1) new affordable housing unit, consistent with the Fair Housing Act of New Jersey as amended and [the rules of the Council on Affordable Housing (NJAC 5:96 et seq. and 5:97 et seq.),] the [administrative rules of the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing] Uniform Housing Affordability Controls (UHAC) regulations or by relevant judicial decisions by New Jersey courts, shall be provided in [Sub-Areas 2.3] all subzones within Redevelopment Area 2.

The Borough may, at its discretion, accept a monetary contribution – equivalent to the cost of the project’s affordable housing obligation – to the Borough’s Affordable Housing Trust Fund, to be used by the Borough for the planning, land acquisition, financing, subsidizing, construction and/or rehabilitation of affordable housing units off-site, in lieu of satisfying the project’s affordable housing obligation on-site.

Any legally-enforceable development fees required by Borough Ordinance shall apply to all non-residential development in Area 2.

SECTION 2: REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS

All ordinances or parts thereof in conflict or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, but only to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, it being the legislative intent that all such ordinances or part of ordinances now existing or in effect unless the same are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance shall remain in effect.

SECTION 3: SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable and if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof for any reason be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance, but shall remaining in effect; it being the legislative intent that this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

SECTION 4: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication as provided by law.

ATTEST

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK

Jasmine D. McCoy
Borough Clerk

Dominic Longo
Mayor

Date of Introduction: January 27, 2026

Date of Adoption: March 10, 2026

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK
COUNTY OF SOMERSET

RESOLUTION 2026-070

RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT AND REVIEW OF THE PLANNING BOARD CONSISTENCY REPORT FOR ORDINANCE NO. 2026-09

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bound Brook introduced Ordinance No. 2026-09, An Ordinance Amending the Code of the Borough of Bound Brook by Repealing and Replacing Chapter 15 (Housing), Article IV (Fair Housing) in its Entirety, on February 10, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Borough referred the aforesaid Ordinance to the Planning Board pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26(a); and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board reported its findings by and through the issuance of a Report dated February 26, 2026 and found that the proposed development regulation, revision or amendment thereto is consistent with the Borough's Master Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Bound Brook acknowledges receipt of the Planning Board's Report and has reviewed the said Report which finds the Ordinance to be consistent with the Borough's Master Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution, certified by the Borough Clerk to be a true copy be forwarded to the Planning Board Secretary.

ATTEST

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK

Jasmine D. McCoy
Borough Clerk

Mayor Dominic Longo

Date of Adoption: March 10, 2026

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK
County of Somerset

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-09

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK BY REPEALING AND REPLACING CHAPTER 15 (HOUSING), ARTICLE IV (FAIR HOUSING) IN ITS ENTIRETY

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2024, Governor Murphy signed into law an Amendment of the Fair Housing Act (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq.) (hereinafter “Amended FHA”); and

WHEREAS, the Amended FHA authorized the Department of Community Affairs (“DCA”) and the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (“NJHMFA”) as administrative rulemaking entities to amend and update the regulations related to the collection of residential and non-residential development fees and the Uniform Housing Affordability Controls (“UHAC”) respectively; and

WHEREAS, the DCA Division of Local Planning Services promulgated new rules at N.J.A.C. 5:99-1 et sq. for the collection of residential and non-residential development fees, which became effective on December 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the NJHMFA promulgated new UHAC rules at N.J.A.C. 5:80-1 et seq., which became effective November 6, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Amended FHA and the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program Administrative Directive #14-24 require that municipal ordinances related to the collection of development fees and the application of the UHAC be updated to be consistent with the new rules no later than March 15, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Bound Brook, Somerset County, New Jersey, desires to repeal and replace Chapter 15 (Housing), Article IV (Fair Housing) of the Code of the Borough of Bound Brook in its entirety to include provisions addressing the Borough’s constitutional obligation to provide for its fair share of very low-, low-, and moderate-income housing, as required by the Amended FHA; and

WHEREAS, the Amended FHA and the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program Administrative Directive #14-24 require that municipal ordinances related to the collection of development fees and the application of the UHAC be updated to be consistent with the new rules no later than March 15, 2026; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance implements and incorporates the Borough’s Housing Element and Fair Share Plan and addresses the requirements of the Amended FHA, N.J.A.C. 5:80-1 et seq., as amended and supplemented, and N.J.A.C. 5:99-1 et seq., as amended and supplemented.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bound Brook, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 15, Article IV of the Code of the Borough of Bound Brook shall be repealed and replaced in its entirety to read as follows:

Article IV Fair Housing

15-42 Low and Moderate Income Housing.

15-42.1 Introduction & Applicability.

- a. This section of the Code sets forth regulations regarding the very low-, low- and moderate-income housing units in the Borough of Bound Brook consistent with the provisions outlined in P.L 2024, Chapter 2, including the amended Fair Housing Act (“FHA”) at N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq., as well as the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Planning Services (“LPS”) at N.J.A.C. 5:99 et seq., statutorily upheld existing regulations of the now-defunct Council on Affordable Housing (“COAH”) at N.J.A.C. 5:93 and 5:97, the Uniform Housing Affordability Controls (“UHAC”) at N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et seq., and as reflected in the adopted municipal Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan (“HEFSP”).
- b. This Ordinance is intended to ensure that very low-, low- and moderate-income units (“affordable units”) are created with controls on affordability over time and that very low-, low- and moderate-income households shall occupy these units pursuant to statutory requirements. This Ordinance shall apply to all inclusionary developments, individual affordable units, and 100% affordable housing developments except where inconsistent with applicable law. Low-Income Housing Tax Credit financed developments shall adhere to the provisions set forth below in item e.3. below.
- c. The Borough of Bound Brook Planning Board has adopted a HEFSP pursuant to the Municipal Land Use Law at N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1, et seq. The Fair Share Plan describes the ways the municipality shall address its fair share of very low-, low- and moderate-income housing as approved by the Superior Court and documented in the Housing Element.
- d. This Ordinance implements and incorporates the relevant provisions of the HEFSP and addresses the requirements of P.L 2024, Chapter 2, the FHA, N.J.A.C. 5:99, NJ Supreme Court upheld COAH regulations at N.J.A.C. 5:93 and 5:97, and UHAC at N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1, as may be amended and supplemented.
- e. Applicability
 1. The provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to all affordable housing developments and affordable housing units that currently exist and that are proposed to be created pursuant to the municipality’s most recently adopted HEFSP.
 2. This Ordinance shall apply to all developments that contain very low-, low- and moderate-income housing units included in the Municipal HEFSP, including any unanticipated future developments that will provide very low-, low- and moderate-income housing units.

3. Projects receiving federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit financing and are proposed for credit shall comply with the low/moderate split and bedroom distribution requirements, maximum initial rents and sales prices requirements, affirmative fair marketing requirements of UHAC at N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.16 and the length of the affordability controls applicable to such projects shall be not less than a 30-year compliance period plus a 15-year extended-use period, for a total of not less than 45 years.

15-42.2 Definitions.

As used herein the following terms shall have the following meanings:

“Accessory apartments” means a residential dwelling unit that provides complete independent living facilities with a private entrance for one or more persons, consisting of provisions for living, sleeping, eating, sanitation, and cooking, including a stove and refrigerator, and is located within a proposed preexisting primary dwelling, within an existing or proposed structure that is an accessory to a dwelling on the same lot, constructed in whole or part as an extension to a proposed or existing primary dwelling, or constructed as a separate detached structure on the same lot as the existing or proposed primary dwelling. Accessory apartments are also referred to as “accessory dwelling units.”

“Act” means the New Jersey Fair Housing Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq.

“Adaptable” means constructed in compliance with the technical design standards of the barrier free subcode adopted by the Commissioner of Community Affairs pursuant to the “State Uniform Construction Code Act,” P.L.1975, c. 217 (C.52:27D-119 et seq.) and in accordance with the provisions of section 5 of P.L.2005, c. 350 (C.52:27D-123.15).

“Administrative agent” means the entity approved by the Division responsible for the administration of affordable units, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:99-7, and UHAC at N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.15.

“Affirmative marketing” means a regional marketing strategy designed to attract buyers and/or renters of affordable units pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.16.

“Affirmative Marketing Plan” means the municipally adopted plan of strategies from which the administrative agent will choose to implement as part of the Affirmative Marketing requirements.

“Affirmative Marketing Process” or “Program” means the actual undertaking of Affirmative Marketing activities in furtherance of each project with very low- low- and moderate-income units.

“Affordability assistance” means the use of funds to render housing units more affordable to low- and moderate-income households and includes, but is not limited to, down payment assistance, security deposit assistance, low interest loans, rental assistance, assistance with homeowner’s association or condominium fees and special assessments, common maintenance expenses, and assistance with emergency repairs and rehabilitation to bring deed-restricted units up to code, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:99-2.5.

“Affordability average” means an average of the percentage of regional median income at which restricted units in an affordable development are affordable to low- and moderate-income households.

“Affordable” means, in the case of an ownership unit, that the sales price for the unit conforms to the standards set forth at N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.7 and, in the case of a rental unit, that the rent for the unit conforms to the standards set forth at N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.13.

“Affordable housing development” means a development included in a municipality’s housing element and fair share plan, and includes, but is not limited to, an inclusionary development, a municipally sponsored affordable housing project, or a 100 percent affordable development. This includes developments with affordable units on-site, off-site, or provided as a payment in-lieu of construction only if such a payment-in-lieu option has been previously approved by the Program or Superior Court as part of the HEFSP. Payments in lieu of construction were invalidated per P.L. 2024, c.2.

“Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program” or “the Program” refers to the dispute resolution program established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-313.2.

“Affordable Housing Monitoring System” or “AHMS” means the Department’s cloud-based software application, which shall be the central repository for municipalities to use for reporting detailed information regarding affordable housing developments, affordable housing unit completions, and the collection and expenditures of funds deposited into the municipal affordable housing trust fund.

“Affordable Housing Trust Fund” or “AHTF” means that non-lapsing, revolving trust fund established in DCA pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-320 and N.J.A.C. 5:43 to be the repository of all State funds appropriated for affordable housing purposes. All references to the “Neighborhood Preservation Nonlapsing Revolving Fund” and “Balanced Housing” mean the AHTF.

“Affordable unit” means a housing unit proposed or developed pursuant to the Act, including units created with municipal affordable housing trust funds.

“Age-restricted housing” means a housing unit that is designed to meet the needs of, and is exclusively for, an age-restricted segment of the population such that: 1. All the residents of the development where the unit is situated are 62 years or older; 2. At least 80 percent of the units are occupied by one person that is 55 years or older; or 3. The development has been designated by the Secretary of HUD as “housing for older persons” as defined in Section 807(b)(2) of the Fair Housing Act, 42 U.S.C. § 3607.

“Agency” means the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency established by P.L.1983, c. 530 (C.55:14K-1 et seq.).

“Assisted living residence” means a facility licensed by the New Jersey Department of Health to provide apartment-style housing and congregate dining and to ensure that assisted living services are available when needed for four or more adult persons unrelated to the proprietor. Apartment units must offer, at a minimum, one unfurnished room, a private bathroom, a kitchenette, and a lockable door on the unit entrance.

“Barrier-free escrow” means the holding of funds collected to adapt affordable unit entrances to be accessible in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:27D-311a et seq. Such funds shall be held in a municipal affordable housing trust fund pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:99-2.6.

“Builder’s remedy” means court-imposed site-specific relief for a litigant who seeks to build affordable housing for which the court requires a municipality to utilize zoning techniques,

such as mandatory set-asides or density bonuses, including techniques which provide for the economic viability of a residential development by including housing that is not for low- and moderate-income households.

“Certified household” means a household that has been certified by an administrative agent as a very-low-income household, a low-income household, or a moderate-income household.

“CHOICE” means the no-longer-active Choices in Homeownership Incentives for Everyone Program, as it was authorized by the Agency.

“COAH” or the “Council” means the Council on Affordable Housing established in, but not of, DCA pursuant to the Act and that was abolished effective March 20, 2024, pursuant to section 3 at P.L. 2024, c. 2 (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-304.1).

“Commissioner” means the Commissioner of the Department of Community Affairs.

“Compliance certification” means the certification obtained by a municipality pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2024, c. 2 (C.52:27D-304.1), that protects the municipality from exclusionary zoning litigation during the current round of present and prospective need and through July 1 of the year the next round begins, which is also known as a “judgment of compliance” or “judgment of repose.” The term “compliance certification” shall include a judgment of repose granted in an action filed pursuant to section 13 of P.L.1985, c. 222 (C.52:27D-313).

“Construction” means new construction and additions, but does not include alterations, reconstruction, renovations, conversion, relocation, or repairs, as those terms are defined in the State Uniform Construction Code promulgated pursuant to the State Uniform Construction Code Act, P.L. 1975, c. 217(N.J.S.A. 52:27D-119 et seq.).

“County-level housing judge” means a judge appointed pursuant to section 5 at P.L. 2024, c. 2, to resolve disputes over the compliance of municipal fair share affordable housing obligations and municipal Fair Share plans and housing elements with the Act.

“DCA” and “Department” mean the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

“Deficient housing unit” means a housing unit with health and safety code violations that require the repair or replacement of a major system. A major system includes weatherization, roofing, plumbing (including wells), heating, electricity, sanitary plumbing (including septic systems), lead paint abatement and/or load bearing structural systems.

“Department” means the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

“Developer” means the legal or beneficial owner or owners of a lot or of any land proposed to be included in a proposed development, including the holder of an option or contract to purchase, or other person having an enforceable proprietary interest in such land.

“Development” means the division of a parcel of land into two or more parcels, the construction, reconstruction, conversion, structural alteration, relocation, or enlargement of any building or other structure, or of any mining, excavation, or landfill, and any use or change in the use of any building or other structure, or land or extension of use of land, for which permission may be required pursuant to the Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 et seq.

“Development fee” means money paid by a developer for the improvement of residential and non-residential property as permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-329.2 and 40:55D-8.1 through 40:55D-8.7 and N.J.A.C. 5:99-3.

“Dispute Resolution Program” means the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program, established pursuant to section 5 at P.L. 2024, c. 2 (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-313.2).

“Division” means the Division of Local Planning Services within the Department of Community Affairs.

“Emergent opportunity” means a circumstance that has arisen whereby affordable housing will be able to be produced through a delivery mechanism not originally contemplated by or included in a fair share plan that has been the subject of a compliance certification.

“Equalized assessed value” or “EAV” means the assessed value of a property divided by the current average ratio of assessed to true value for the municipality in which the property is situated, as determined in accordance with sections 1, 5, and 6 at P.L. 1973, c. 123 (N.J.S.A. 54:1-35a, 54:1-35b, and 54:1-35c). Estimates at the time of building permit may be obtained by the tax assessor using construction cost estimates. Final EAV shall be determined at project completion by the municipal assessor.

“Equity share amount” means the product of the price differential and the equity share, with the equity share being the whole number of years that have elapsed since the last non-exempt sale of a restricted ownership unit, divided by 100, except that the equity share may not be less than five percent and may not exceed 30 percent.

“Exit sale” means the first authorized non-exempt sale of a restricted unit following the end of the control period, which sale terminates the affordability controls on the unit.

“Exclusionary zoning litigation” means litigation challenging the fair share plan, housing element, ordinances, or resolutions that implement the fair share plan or housing element of a municipality based on alleged noncompliance with the Act or the Mount Laurel doctrine, which litigation shall include, but shall not be limited to, litigation seeking a builder’s remedy.

“Extension of expiring controls” means extending the deed restriction period on units where the controls will expire in the current round of a housing obligation, so that the total years of a deed restriction is at least 60 years.

“Fair share obligation” means the total of the present need and prospective need, including prior rounds, as determined by the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program, or a court of competent jurisdiction.

“Fair share plan” means the plan or proposal, with accompanying ordinances and resolutions, by which a municipality proposes to satisfy its constitutional obligation to create a realistic opportunity to meet its fair share of low- and moderate-income housing needs of its region and which details the affirmative measures the municipality proposes to undertake to achieve its fair share of low- and moderate-income housing, as provided in the municipal housing element, and which addresses the development regulations necessary to implement the housing element, including, but not limited to, inclusionary requirements and development fees, and the elimination of unnecessary housing cost-generating features from the municipal land use ordinances and regulations.

“FHA” means the New Jersey Fair Housing Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq.

“Green Building Strategies” means the strategies that minimize the impact of development on the environment, and enhance the health, safety and well-being of residents by producing durable, low-maintenance, resource-efficient housing while making optimum use of existing infrastructure and community services.

“HMFA” or “the Agency” means the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency established pursuant to P.L. 1983, c. 530 (N.J.S.A. 55:14K-1 et seq.).

“Household income” means a household’s gross annual income calculated in a manner consistent with the determination of annual income pursuant to section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (Section 8), not in accordance with the determination of gross income for Federal income tax liability.

“Housing element” means the portion of a municipality’s master plan adopted in accordance with the Municipal Land Use Law (MLUL) at N.J.S.A. 40:55D-28.b(3) and the Act consisting of reports, statements proposals, maps, diagrams, and text designed to meet the municipality’s fair share of its region’s present and prospective housing needs, particularly with regard to low- and moderate-income housing, which shall include the municipal present and prospective obligation for affordable housing, determined pursuant to subsection f. at N.J.S.A. 52:27D-304.1.

“Housing region” means a geographic area established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-304.2b.

“Inclusionary development” means a residential housing development in which a substantial percentage of the housing units are provided for a reasonable income range of low- and moderate- income households.

“Judgment of compliance” or “judgment for repose” means a determination issued by the Superior Court approving a municipality’s fair share plan to satisfy its affordable housing obligation for a particular 10-year round.

“Low-income household” means a household with a household income equal to 50 percent or less of the regional median income.

“Low-income unit” means a restricted unit that is affordable to a low-income household.

“Major system” means the primary structural, mechanical, plumbing, electrical, fire protection, or occupant service components of a building which include but are not limited to, weatherization, roofing, plumbing (including wells), heating, electricity, sanitary plumbing (including septic systems), lead paint abatement or load bearing structural systems.

“Mixed use development” means any development that includes both a non-residential development component and a residential development component, and shall include developments for which: (1) there is a common developer for both the residential development component and the non-residential development component, provided that for purposes of this definition, multiple persons and entities maybe considered a common developer if there is a contractual relationship among them obligating each entity to develop at least a portion of the residential or non-residential development, or both, or otherwise to contribute resources to the development; and (2) the residential and non-residential developments are located on the same lot or adjoining lots, including, but not limited to, lots separated by a street, a river, or another geographical feature.

“Moderate-income household” means a household with a household income in excess of 50 percent but less than 80 percent of the regional median income.

“Moderate-income unit” means a restricted unit that is affordable to a moderate-income household.

“MONI” means the no-longer-active Market Oriented Neighborhood Investment Program, as it was authorized by the Agency.

“Municipal housing liaison” or “MHL” means an appointed municipal employee who is, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:99-6, responsible for oversight and/or administration of the affordable units created within the municipality.

“Municipal affordable housing trust fund” means a separate, interest-bearing account held by a municipality for the deposit of development fees, payments in lieu of constructing affordable units on sites zoned for affordable housing previously approved prior to March 20, 2024 (per P.L. 2024, c.2), barrier-free escrow funds, recapture funds, proceeds from the sale of affordable units, rental income, repayments from affordable housing program loans, enforcement fines, unexpended RCA funds remaining from a completed RCA project, application fees, and any other funds collected by the municipality in connection with its affordable housing programs, which shall be used to address municipal low- and moderate-income housing obligations within the time frames established by the Legislature and this chapter.

“Municipal development fee ordinance” means an ordinance adopted by the governing body of a municipality that authorizes the collection of development fees.

“New construction” means the creation of a new housing unit under regulation by a code enforcement official regardless of the means by which the unit is created. Newly constructed units are evidenced by the issuance of a certificate of occupancy and may include new residences created through additions and alterations, adaptive reuse, subdivision, or conversion of existing space, and moving a structure from one location to another.

“New Jersey Affordable Housing Trust Fund” means an account established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-320.

“New Jersey Housing Resource Center” or “Housing Resource Center” means the online affordable housing listing portal, or its successor, overseen by the Agency pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-321.3 et seq.

“95/5 restriction” means a deed restriction governing a restricted ownership unit that is part of a housing element that received substantive certification from COAH pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:93, as it was in effect at the time of the receipt of substantive certification, before October 1, 2001, or any other deed restriction governing a restricted ownership unit with a seller repayment option requiring 95 percent of the price differential to be paid to the municipality or an instrument of the municipality at the closing of a sale at market price.

“Non-exempt sale” means any sale or transfer of ownership of a restricted unit to one’s self or to another individual other than the transfer of ownership between spouses or civil union partners; the transfer of ownership between former spouses or civil union partners ordered as a result of a judicial decree of divorce or judicial separation, but not including sales to third parties; the transfer of ownership between family members as a result of inheritance; the

transfer of ownership through an executor's deed to a class A beneficiary; and the transfer of ownership by court order.

"Nonprofit" means an organization granted nonprofit status in accordance with section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

"Non-residential development" means:

Any building or structure, or portion thereof, including, but not limited to, any appurtenant improvements, which is designated to a use group other than a residential use group according to the State Uniform Construction Code, N.J.A.C. 5:23, promulgated to effectuate the State uniform Construction Code Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-119 et seq., including any subsequent amendments or revisions thereto;

Hotels, motels, vacation timeshares, and child-care facilities; and

The entirety of all continuing care facilities within a continuing care retirement community which is subject to the Continuing Care Retirement Community Regulation and Financial Disclosure Act, N.J.S.A.52:27D-330 et seq.

"Non-residential development fee" means the fee authorized to be imposed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-8.1 through 40:55D-8.7.

"Order for repose" means the protection a municipality has from a builder's remedy lawsuit for a period of time from the entry of a judgment of compliance by the Superior Court. A judgment of compliance often results in an order for repose.

"Payment in lieu of constructing affordable units" means the prior approval of the payment of funds to the municipality by a developer when affordable units were not produced on a site zoned for an inclusionary development. The statutory permission for payments in lieu of constructing affordable units was eliminated per P.L. 2024, c.2.

"Prospective need" means a projection of housing needs based on development and growth which is reasonably likely to occur in a region or a municipality, as the case may be, as a result of actual determination of public and private entities. Prospective need shall be determined by the methodology set forth pursuant to sections 6 and 7 of P.L.2024, c. 2 (C.52:27D-304.2 and C.52:27D-304.3) for the fourth round and all future rounds of housing obligations.

"Qualified Urban Aid Municipality" means a municipality that meets the criteria established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-304.3.c(1).

"Person with a disability" means a person with a physical disability, infirmity, malformation, or disfigurement which is caused by bodily injury, birth defect, aging, or illness including epilepsy and other seizure disorders, and which shall include, but not be limited to, any degree of paralysis, amputation, lack of physical coordination, blindness or visual impairment, deafness or hearing impairment, the inability to speak or a speech impairment, or physical reliance on a service animal, wheelchair, or other remedial appliance or device.

"Price differential" means the difference between the controlled sale price of a restricted unit and the contract price at the exit sale of the unit, determined as of the date of a proposed contract of sale for the unit. If there is no proposed contract of sale, the price differential is the difference between the controlled sale price of a restricted unit and the appraised value of the unit as if it were not subject to UHAC, determined as of the date of the appraisal. If the

controlled sale price exceeds the contract price or, in the absence of a contract price, the appraised value, the price differential is zero dollars.

“Prior round unit” means a housing unit that addresses a municipality’s fair share obligation from a round prior to the fourth round of affordable housing obligations, including any unit that: (1) received substantive certification from COAH; (2) is part of a third-round settlement agreement or judgment of compliance approved by a court of competent jurisdiction, inclusive of units created pursuant to a zoning designation adopted as part of the settlement agreement or judgment of compliance to create a realistic opportunity for development; (3) is subject to a grant agreement or other contract with either the State or a political subdivision thereof entered into prior to July 1, 2025, pursuant to either item (1) or (2) above; or (4) otherwise addresses a municipality’s fair share obligation from a round prior to the fourth round of affordable housing obligations. A unit created after the enactment of P.L. 2024, c. 2 (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-304.1) on March 20, 2024, is not a prior round unit unless: (1) it is created pursuant to a prior round development plan or zoning designation that received COAH or court approval on or before the cutoff date of June 30, 2025, or the date that the municipality adopts the implementing ordinances and resolutions for the fourth round of affordable housing obligations, whichever occurs sooner; and (2) its siting and creation are consistent with the form of the prior round development plan or zoning designation in effect as of the cutoff date, without any amendment or variance.

“Program” means the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program, established pursuant to section 5 of P.L.2024, c. 2 (C.52:27D-313.2).

“Random selection process” means a lottery process by which currently income-eligible applicant-households are selected, at random, for placement in affordable housing units such that no preference is given to one applicant over another, except in the case of a veterans’ preference where such an agreement exists; for purposes of matching household income and size with an appropriately priced and sized affordable unit; or another purpose allowed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.7(k)3. This definition excludes any practices that would allow affordable housing units to be leased or sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

“RCA administrator” means an appointed municipal employee who is responsible for oversight and/or administration of affordable units and associated revenues and expenditures within the municipality that were funded through regional contribution agreements.

“RCA project plan” means a past application, submitted by a receiving municipality in an RCA, delineating the manner in which the receiving municipality intended to create or rehabilitate low- and moderate-income housing.

“Receiving municipality” means, for the purposes of an RCA, a municipality that contractually agreed to assume a portion of another municipality’s fair share obligation.

“Reconstruction” means any project where the extent and nature of the work is such that the work area cannot be occupied while the work is in progress and where a new certificate of occupancy is required before the work area can be reoccupied, pursuant to the Rehabilitation Subcode of the uniform Construction Code, N.J.A.C. 5:23-6. Reconstruction shall not include projects comprised only of floor finish replacement, painting or wallpapering, or the replacement of equipment or furnishings. Asbestos hazard abatement and lead hazard

abatement projects shall not be classified as reconstruction solely because occupancy of the work area is not permitted.

“Recreational facilities and community centers” means any indoor or outdoor buildings, spaces, structures, or improvements intended for active or passive recreation, including, but not limited to, ballfields, meeting halls, and classrooms, accommodating either organized or informal activity.

“Regional contribution agreement” or “RCA” means a contractual agreement, pursuant to the Act, into which two municipalities voluntarily entered into and was approved by COAH and/or Superior Court prior to July 18, 2008, to transfer a portion of a municipality’s affordable housing obligation to another municipality within its housing region.

“Regional median income” means the median income by household size for an applicable housing region, as calculated annually in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.3.

“Rehabilitation” means the repair, renovation, alteration, or reconstruction of any building or structure, pursuant to the Rehabilitation Subcode, N.J.A.C. 5:23-6.

“Rent” means the gross monthly cost of a rental unit to the tenant, including the rent paid to the landlord, as well as an allowance for tenant-paid utilities computed in accordance with allowances published by DCA for its Section 8 program. With respect to units in assisted living residences, rent does not include charges for food and services.

“Residential development fee” means money paid by a developer for the improvement of residential property as permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-329.2 and N.J.A.C. 5:99-3.2.

“Restricted unit” means a dwelling unit, whether a rental unit or ownership unit, that is subject to the affordability controls of this subchapter but does not include a market-rate unit that was financed pursuant to UHORP, MONI, or CHOICE.

“Spending plan” means a method of allocating funds contained in an affordable housing trust fund account, which includes, but is not limited to, development fees collected and to be collected pursuant to an approved municipal development fee ordinance, or pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-329.1 et seq., for the purpose of meeting the housing needs of low- and moderate-income individuals.

“State Development and Redevelopment Plan” or “State Plan” means the plan prepared pursuant to sections 1 through 12 of the “State Planning Act,” P.L.1985, c. 398 (C.52:18A-196 et al.), designed to represent a balance of development and conservation objectives best suited to meet the needs of the State, and for the purpose of coordinating planning activities and establishing Statewide planning objectives in the areas of land use, housing, economic development, transportation, natural resource conservation, agriculture and farmland retention, recreation, urban and suburban redevelopment, historic preservation, public facilities and services, and intergovernmental coordination pursuant to subsection f. of section 5 of P.L.1985, c. 398 (C.52:18A-200).

“Supportive housing household” means a very low-, low- or moderate-income household certified as income eligible by an administrative agent in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.14, in which at least one member is an individual who requires supportive services to maintain housing stability and independent living and who is part of a population identified by federal or state statute, regulation, or program guidance as eligible for supportive or special needs

housing. Such populations include, but are not limited to: persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities, persons with serious mental illness, person with head injuries (as defined in Section 2 of P.L. 1977), persons with physical disabilities or chronic health conditions, persons who are homeless as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development at 24 C.F.R. Part 578, survivors of domestic violence, youth aging out of foster care, and other special needs populations recognized under programs administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program, the McKinney–Vento Act, or the New Jersey Department of Human Services. A supportive housing household may include family members, unrelated individuals, or live-in aides, provided that the household meets the income eligibility requirements of this subchapter, except that in the case of unrelated individuals not operating as a family unit, income eligibility shall be tested on an individual basis rather than in the aggregate; the unit is leased or sold subject to the affordability controls established herein; and the supportive services available to the household are designed to promote housing stability, independent living, and community integration. The determination of whether unrelated individuals are operating as a family unit shall be made based on the applicant’s self-identification of household members on the affordable housing application.

“Supportive housing sponsoring program” means grant or loan program which provided financial assistance to the development of the unit.

“Supportive housing unit” means a restricted rental unit, as defined by N.J.S.A. 34:1B-21.24, that is affordable to very low-, low- or moderate-income households and is reserved for occupancy by a supportive housing household. Supportive housing units are also referred to as permanent supportive housing units.

“Transitional housing” means temporary housing that: (1) includes, but is not limited to, single-room occupancy housing or shared living and supportive living arrangements; (2) provides access to on-site or off-site supportive services for very low-income households who have recently been homeless or lack stable housing; (3) is licensed by the department; and (4) allows households to remain for a minimum of six months.

“Treasurer” means the Treasurer of the State of New Jersey.

“UHAC” means the Uniform Housing Affordability Controls set forth at N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.

“UHORP” means the Agency’s Urban Homeownership Recovery Program, as it was authorized by the Agency Board.

“Unit type” means type of dwelling unit with various building standards including but not limited to single-family detached, single-family attached/townhouse, stacked townhouse (attached building containing 2 units each with separate entrances), duplex (detached building containing 2 units each with separate entrances), triplex (3 units each with separate entrance), quadplex (4 units each with separate entrance), multifamily / flat (2 or more units with a shared entrance). Inclusion of a garage, or not, shall not define the unit type.

“Very-low-income household” means a household with a household income less than or equal to 30 percent of the regional median income.

“Very-low-income housing” means housing affordable according to the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development or other recognized standards for home ownership and rental costs and occupied or reserved for occupancy by households with a gross household

income equal to 30 percent or less of the median gross household income for households of the same size within the housing region in which the housing is located.

“Very-low-income unit” means a restricted unit that is affordable to a very-low-income household.

“Veteran” means a veteran as defined at N.J.S.A. 54:4-8.10.

“Veterans’ preference” means the agreement between a municipality and a developer or residential development owner that allows for low- to moderate-income veterans to be given preference for up to 50 percent of rental units in relevant projects, as provided for at N.J.S.A. 52:27D-311.j.

“Weatherization” means building insulation (for attic, exterior walls and crawl space), siding to improve energy efficiency, replacement storm windows, replacement storm doors, replacement windows and replacement doors and is considered a major system for rehabilitation.

15-42.3 Monitoring and Reporting Requirements.

- a. The municipality shall comply with the following monitoring and reporting requirements regarding the status of the implementation of its court-approved Housing Element and Fair Share Plan:
 1. The municipality shall provide electronic monitoring data with the Department pursuant to P.L 2024, Chapter 2 and N.J.A.C. 5:99 through the Affordable Housing Monitoring System (AHMS). All monitoring information required to be made public by the FHA shall be available to the public on the Department’s website at <https://www.nj.gov/dca/dlps/hss/MuniStatusReporting.shtml>.
 2. On or before February 15 of each year, the municipality shall provide annual reporting of its municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund activity to the Department on the AHMS portal. The reporting shall include an accounting of all municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund activity, including the sources and amounts of funds collected and the amounts and purposes for which any funds have been expended, for the previous year from January 1st to December 31st.
 3. On or before February 15 of each year, the annual reporting of the status of all affordable housing activity shall be provided to the Department on the AHMS portal, for the previous year from January 1st to December 31st.

15-42.4 New Construction (per N.J.A.C. 5:93 as may be updated per various sections in N.J.A.C. 5:97 and N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq.).

- a. Per the definition of “New Construction,” this section governs the creation of new affordable housing units regardless of the means by which the units are created. Newly constructed units may include new residences constructed or created through other means.
- b. The following requirements shall apply to all new or planned developments that contain very low-, low- and moderate-income housing units. To the extent possible, details related to the adherence to the requirements below shall be outlined in the resolution granting municipal subdivision or site plan approval of the project to assist municipal representatives, developers and Administrative Agents.

- c. Completion Schedule (previously known as phasing). Final site plan or subdivision approval shall be contingent upon the affordable housing development meeting the following completion schedule for very low-, low- and moderate-income units whether developed in a single-phase development, or in a multi-phase development:

Maximum Percentage of Market-Rate Units Issued a Temporary or Final Certificate of Occupancy	Minimum Percentage of Affordable Units Issued a Temporary or Final Certificate of Occupancy
25+1	10
50	50
75	75
90	100

- d. Design. The following design requirements apply to affordable housing developments, excluding prior round units.

1. Design of 100 percent affordable developments:

- (a) Restricted units must meet the minimum square footage required for the number of inhabitants for which the unit is marketed and the minimum square footage required for each bedroom, as set forth in the Neighborhood Preservation Balanced Housing rules at N.J.A.C. 5:43-2.4.
- (b) Each bedroom in each restricted unit must have at least one window.
- (c) Restricted units must include adequate air conditioning and heating.

2. Design of developments comprising market-rate rental units and restricted rental units. The following does not apply to prior round units, unless stated otherwise.

- (a) Restricted units must use the same building materials and architectural design elements (for example, plumbing, insulation, or siding) as market-rate units of the same unit type (for example, flat or townhome) within the same development, except that restricted units and market-rate units may use different interior finishes. This shall apply to prior round units.
- (b) Restricted units and market-rate units within the same affordable development must be sited such that restricted units are not concentrated in less desirable locations.
- (c) Restricted units may not be physically clustered so as to segregate restricted and market-rate units within the same development or within the same building, but must be interspersed throughout the development, except that age-restricted and supportive housing units may be physically clustered if the clustering facilitates the provision of on-site medical services or on-site social services. Prior round affordable units shall be integrated with market rate units to the extent feasible.
- (d) Residents of restricted units must be offered the same access to communal amenities as residents of market-rate units within the same affordable development. Examples of communal amenities include, but are not limited to, community pools,

fitness and recreation centers, playgrounds, common rooms and outdoor spaces, and building entrances and exits. This shall apply to prior round units.

- (e) Restricted units must include adequate air conditioning and heating and must use the same type of cooling and heating sources as market-rate units of the same unit type. This shall apply to prior round units.
 - (f) Each bedroom in each restricted unit must have at least one window.
 - (g) Restricted units must be of the same unit type as market-rate units within the same building.
 - (h) Restricted units and bedrooms must be no less than 90 percent of the minimum size prescribed by the Neighborhood Preservation Balanced Housing rules at N.J.A.C. 5:43-2.4.
3. Design of developments containing for-sale units, including those with a mix of rental and for-sale units. Restricted rental units shall meet the requirements of section 2 above. Restricted sale units shall comply with the below:
- (a) Restricted units must use the same building standards as market-rate units of the same unit type (for example, flat, townhome, or single-family home), except that restricted units and market-rate units may use different interior finishes. This shall apply to prior round units.
 - (b) Restricted units may be clustered, provided that the buildings or housing product types containing the restricted units are integrated throughout the development and are not concentrated in an undesirable location or in undesirable locations. Prior round affordable units shall be integrated with market rate units to the extent feasible.
 - (c) Restricted units may be of different unit housing product types than market-rate units, provided that there is a restricted option available for each market rate housing type. Developments containing market-rate duplexes, townhomes, and/or single-family homes shall offer restricted housing options that also include duplexes, townhomes, and/or single-family homes. Penthouses and higher priced end townhouses shall be exempt from this requirement. The proper ratio for restricted to market-rate unit type shall be subject to municipal ordinance or, if not specified, shall be determined at the time of site plan approval.
 - (d) Restricted units must meet the minimum square footage required for the number of inhabitants for which the unit is marketed and the minimum square footage required for each bedroom, as set forth in the Neighborhood Preservation Balanced Housing rules at N.J.A.C. 5:43-2.4.
 - (e) Penthouse and end units may be reserved for market-rate sale, provided that the overall number, value, and distribution of affordable units across the development is not negatively impacted by such reservation(s).
 - (f) Residents of restricted units must be offered the same access to communal amenities as residents of market-rate units within the same affordable development. Examples of communal amenities include, but are not limited to, community pools,

fitness and recreation centers, playgrounds, common rooms and outdoor spaces, and building entrances and exits. This shall apply to prior round units.

(g) Each bedroom in each restricted unit must have at least one window; and

(h) Restricted units must include adequate air conditioning and heating.

e. Utilities.

1. Affordable units shall utilize the same type of cooling and heating source as market-rate units within the affordable housing development.
2. Tenant-paid utilities that are included in the utility allowance shall be so stated in the lease and shall be consistent with the utility allowance in accordance with N.J.AC 5:80-26.13(e).

f. Low/moderate split and bedroom distribution.

1. Affordable units shall be divided equally between low- and moderate-income units, except that where there is an odd number of affordable housing units, the extra unit shall be a low-income unit.
2. In each affordable housing development, at least 50% of the restricted units within each bedroom distribution rounded up to the nearest whole number shall be very low- or low-income units. The Borough has chosen to allow rounding.
3. Within rental developments, of the total number of affordable rental units, at least 13%, rounded up to the nearest whole number, shall be affordable to very low-income households. The very low-income units shall be distributed between each bedroom count as proportionally as possible, to the nearest whole unit, to the total number of restricted units within each bedroom count, and counted as part of the required number of low-income units within the development.
4. Affordable housing developments that are not age-restricted or supportive housing shall be structured such that:
 - (a) At a minimum, the number of bedrooms within the restricted units equals twice the number of restricted units;
 - (b) Two-bedroom and/or three-bedroom units compose at least 50 percent of all restricted units;
 - (c) The combined number of efficiency and one-bedroom units shall be no greater than 20%, rounded down of the total number of low- and moderate-income units. The municipality has chosen to allow rounding.
 - (d) At least 30% of all low- and moderate-income units, rounded up shall be two-bedroom units. The municipality has chosen to allow rounding.
 - (e) At least 20% of all low- and moderate-income units, rounded up shall be three-bedroom units. The municipality has chosen to allow rounding.
 - (f) The remaining units may be allocated among two- and three- bedroom units at the discretion of the developer.

5. Affordable housing developments that are age-restricted or supportive housing, except those supportive housing units whose sponsoring program determines the unit arrangements, shall be structured such that, at a minimum, the number of bedrooms shall equal the number of age-restricted or supportive housing low- and moderate-income units within the inclusionary development. Supportive housing units whose sponsoring program determines the unit arrangement shall comply with all requirements of the sponsoring program. The standard may be met by having all one-bedroom units or by having a two-bedroom unit for each efficiency unit. In affordable housing developments with 20 or more restricted units that are age-restricted or supportive housing, two-bedroom units must comprise at least 5% of those restricted units.
- g. Accessibility requirements.
1. Any new construction shall be adaptable; however, elevators shall not be required in any building or within any dwelling unit for the purpose of compliance with this section. In buildings without elevator service, only ground floor dwelling units shall be required to be constructed to conform with the technical design standards of the barrier free subcode. "Ground floor" means the first floor with a dwelling unit or portion of a dwelling unit, regardless of whether that floor is at grade. A building may have more than one ground floor.
 2. Notwithstanding the exemption for townhouse dwelling units in the barrier free subcode, the first floor of all townhouse dwelling units and of all other multifloor dwelling units that are attached to at least one other dwelling unit shall be subject to the technical design standards of the barrier free subcode and shall include the following features:
 - (a) An adaptable toilet and bathing facility on the first floor;
 - (b) An adaptable kitchen on the first floor;
 - (c) An interior accessible route of travel however an interior accessible route of travel shall not be required between stories;
 - (d) An adaptable room that can be used as a bedroom, with a door, or the casing for the installation of a door that is compliant with the Barrier Free Subcode, on the first floor;
 - (e) If not all of the foregoing requirements in 2(a) through 2(d) can be satisfied, then an interior accessible route of travel shall be provided between stories within an individual unit; and
 - (f) An accessible entranceway as set forth in P.L. 2005, c. 350 (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-311a et seq.) and the Barrier Free Subcode, N.J.A.C. 5:23-7, or evidence that the municipality has collected funds from the developer sufficient to make 10% of the adaptable entrances in the development accessible:
 - (1) Where a unit has been constructed with an adaptable entrance, upon the request of a disabled person who is purchasing or will reside in the dwelling unit, an accessible entrance shall be installed.

- (2) To this end, the builder of restricted units shall deposit funds within the Affordable Housing Trust Fund sufficient to install accessible entrances in 10% of the affordable units that have been constructed with adaptable entrances.
 - (3) The funds deposited shall be expended for the sole purpose of making the adaptable entrance of an affordable unit accessible when requested to do so by a person with a disability who occupies or intends to occupy the unit and requires an accessible entrance.
 - (4) The developer of the restricted units shall submit to the Construction Official a design plan and cost estimate for the conversion from adaptable to accessible entrances.
 - (5) Once the Construction Official has determined that the design plan to convert the unit entrances from adaptable to accessible meets the requirements of the Barrier Free Subcode, N.J.A.C. 5:23-7, and that the cost estimate of such conversion is reasonable, payment shall be made to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and earmarked appropriately.
- (g) Full compliance with the foregoing provisions shall not be required where an entity can demonstrate that it is “site-impracticable” to meet the requirements. If full compliance with this section would be site impracticable, compliance with this section for any portion of the dwelling shall be required to the extent that it is not site impracticable. Determinations of site impracticability shall comply with the Barrier Free Subcode at N.J.A.C. 5:23-7.

15-42.5 Affordable Housing Programs.

- a. Pursuant to amended UHAC regulations at N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et seq. and, in addition, pursuant to P.L. 2024, c.2 and specifically to the amended FHA at N.J.S.A. 52:27D-311.m, “All parties shall be entitled to rely upon regulations on municipal credits, adjustments, and compliance mechanisms adopted by the Council on Affordable Housing unless those regulations are contradicted by statute, including but not limited to P.L. 2024, c.2, or binding court decisions.” The following are many of the main provisions of the COAH regulations at either N.J.A.C. 5:93 or 5:97 that have been upheld by the NJ Supreme Court. Municipalities should consult the cited full COAH regulations when preparing the HEFSP for required documentation, etc. Additional compliance details may also be included in the specific municipal program manual.
- b. Rehabilitation Programs (per N.J.A.C. 5:93-5.2 with updated provisions herein per N.J.A.C. 5:97-6.2 related to credit towards a municipal present need obligation).
 1. The rehabilitation program, primarily the Borough’s participation in the Somerset County Housing Rehabilitation Program, shall be designed to renovate deficient housing units occupied or intended to be occupied by very low-, low- and moderate-income households such that, after rehabilitation, these units will comply with the New Jersey State Housing Code pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:28-1.1 et seq or the Rehabilitation Subcode, N.J.A.C. 5:23-6 to the extent applicable.
 2. Both ownership and rental units shall be eligible for rehabilitation funds.

3. All rehabilitated units shall remain affordable to very low-, low- and moderate-income households for a period of 10 years (the control period). For owner-occupied units, the control period shall be enforced with a mortgage and note and for renter-occupied units the control period will be enforced with a deed restriction.
 4. The municipality shall dedicate a minimum average hard cost of \$10,000 for each unit to be rehabilitated through this program and in addition shall dedicate associated rehabilitation program soft costs such as case management, inspection fees and work write-ups.
 5. The municipality shall designate, subject to the approval of the Department, one or more Administrative Agents to administer the rehabilitation program in accordance with P.L 2024, Chapter 2. The Administrative Agent(s) shall provide rehabilitation manuals for ownership and rental rehabilitation programs. Manuals shall be adopted by resolution of the governing body. Both rehabilitation manuals shall be available for public inspection in the Office of the Municipal Clerk and on the municipal affordable housing web page.
 6. Households determined to be very low-, low-, or moderate-income may participate in a rehabilitation program. Rehabilitated units shall be exempt from the very low-income requirements, low/mod split, and bedroom distribution requirements of UHAC, but shall be administered in accordance with the following:
 - (a) If a unit is vacant at the time of rehabilitation, or if a rehabilitated unit becomes vacant and is re-rented before the expiration of the affordability controls, the deed restriction shall require that the unit be rented to a low- or moderate-income household at an affordable rent.
 - (b) If a rental unit is occupied by a tenant at the time rehabilitation is completed, the rent charged after rehabilitation shall not exceed the lesser of the tenant's current rent or the maximum rent permitted under UHAC.
 - (c) Rents in rehabilitated units may increase annually based on the standards in UHAC.
 - (d) At the time of application, applicant households and/or tenant households shall be subject to income eligibility determinations in accordance with UHAC.
- c. Market to Affordable program (per N.J.A.C. 5:97-6.9).
1. The market to affordable program permits the purchase or subsidization of unrestricted units through a mortgage write-down provided to an income-certified buyer or through a sale or rental as a low- or moderate-income unit to an income-eligible household. The market to affordable program may produce both low- and moderate-income units.
 2. At the time they are offered for sale or rental, eligible units may be new, pre-owned or vacant.
 3. The units shall be certified to be in sound condition as a result of an inspection performed by a licensed building inspector.
 4. A minimum subsidy of \$25,000 per moderate-income unit and/or \$30,000 per low-income unit shall be provided, with additional subsidy depending on the market prices or rents in a municipality.

5. The units shall comply with UHAC with the following exceptions:
 - (a) Bedroom distribution (N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.4).
 - (b) Low/moderate income split (N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.4).
6. Affordability average (N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.4); however:
 - (a) The maximum rent for a moderate-income unit shall be affordable to households earning no more than 60 percent of median income and the maximum rent for a low-income unit shall be affordable to households earning no more than 44 percent of median income; and
 - (b) The maximum sales price for a moderate-income unit shall be affordable to households earning no more than 70 percent of median income and the maximum sales price for a low-income unit shall be affordable to households earning no more than 40 percent of median income.
- d. Extension of Controls Program (for ownership units per N.J.A.C. 5:97-6.14 and UHAC at N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.6(h) through (k) and (m); and for rental units per N.J.A.C. 5:97-6.14 and N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.12(h) through (k)).
 1. An extension of affordability controls program is established to maintain and extend the affordability of deed restricted units scheduled to come out of their affordability control period, subject to N.J.A.C. 5:97-6.14 and UHAC, including the following:
 - (a) The affordable unit meets the criteria for prior cycle (April 1, 1980 - December 15, 1986) or post December 15, 1986 credits set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:97.
 - (b) The affordability controls for the unit are scheduled to expire in the current round; or in the next round of housing obligations if the municipal election to extend controls is made no earlier than one year before the end of the current round;
 - (c) The municipality shall obtain a continuing certificate of occupancy or a certified statement from the municipal building inspector stating that the restricted unit meets all code standards.
 - (d) If a unit requires repair and/or rehabilitation work in order to receive a continuing certificate of occupancy or certified statement from the municipal building inspector, the municipality shall fund and complete the work.
 - (e) The municipality shall adhere to the process for extending controls pursuant to UHAC for extending ownership units and rental units, either inclusionary or 100% affordable developments.
 - (f) The deed restriction for the extended control period shall be filed with the County Clerk.
- e. Assisted Living Residence (per N.J.A.C. 5:97-6.11).
 1. An assisted living residence is a facility licensed by the New Jersey Department of Health to provide apartment-style housing and congregate dining and to assure that assisted living services are available. All or a designated number of apartments in the facility shall be restricted to low- and moderate-income households.

2. The unit of credit shall be the apartment. However, a two-bedroom apartment shall be eligible for two units of credit if it is restricted to two unrelated individuals.
 3. A recipient of a Medicaid waiver shall automatically qualify as a low- or moderate-income household.
 4. Assisted living units are considered age-restricted housing in a HEFSP and shall be included with the maximum number of units that may be age-restricted.
 5. Low- and moderate-income residents cannot be charged any upfront fees.
 6. The units shall comply with UHAC with the following exceptions:
 - (a) Affirmative marketing (N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.16); provided that the units are restricted to recipients of Medicaid waivers;
 - (b) The deed restriction may be on the facility, rather than individual apartments or rooms;
 - (c) Low/moderate income split and affordability average (N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.4); only if all of the affordable units are affordable to households at a maximum of 60 percent of median income; and
 7. Tenant income eligibility (N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.14); up to 80 percent of an applicant's gross income may be used for rent, food and services based on occupancy type and the affordable unit must receive the same basic services as required by the Agency's underwriting guidelines and financing policies. The cost of non-housing related services shall not exceed one and two-thirds times the rent established for each unit.
- f. Supportive Housing and Group Homes (per N.J.A.C. 5:97-6.10).
1. The following provisions shall apply to group homes, residential health care facilities, and supportive shared living housing:
 - (a) Units are subject to Affirmative Marketing requirements, household certification, and administrative agent oversight; and may, with the approval of the municipal housing liaison and the administrative agent, be leased either by the bedroom or to a single household in the case of multi-bedroom configurations, provided such arrangement is consistent with the Federal Fair Housing Act (Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968).
 - (b) Units may, with the approval of the administrative agent, be subject to a master lease by an approved supportive housing operator, provided that all subleases are to be certified supportive housing households and remain fully subject to the affordability controls of this subchapter. Rents for supportive housing units shall not exceed the rent standards established and published by the New Jersey Department of Human Services.
 - (c) The unit of credit shall be the bedroom. However, the unit of credit shall be the unit if occupied by a single person or household.
 - (d) Housing that is age-restricted shall be included with the maximum number of units that may be age-restricted pursuant to the Act.
 - (e) Occupancy shall not be restricted to youth under 18 years of age.

- (f) In affordable developments with 20 or more restricted units that are supportive housing, two-bedroom units must compose at least five percent of those restricted units.
- (g) The bedrooms and/or units shall comply with UHAC with the following exceptions:
 - (1) Affirmative marketing; however, group homes, residential health care facilities, permanent supportive housing, and supportive shared living housing shall be affirmatively marketed to broadest possible population of qualified individuals with special needs in accordance with a plan approved by the sponsoring program;
 - (2) Affordability average and bedroom distribution (N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.4).
- (h) With the exception of units established with capital funding through a 20-year operating contract with the Department of Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities, group homes, residential health care facilities, supportive shared living housing and permanent supportive housing shall have the appropriate controls on affordability in accordance with the Act. In the event that a supportive housing provider is unable to record or execute a long-term deed restriction, the units shall be subject to annual recertification by the Municipal Housing Liaison to confirm continued occupancy and compliance with this Section.
- (i) Objective standards shall be applied in the selection of tenants for supportive housing units and shall be designed to ensure that individuals are not excluded in an arbitrary or capricious manner.
- (j) The following documentation shall be submitted by the sponsor to the municipality prior to marketing the completed units or facility:
 - (1) An Affirmative Marketing Plan; and
 - (2) If applicable, proof that the supportive and/or special needs housing is regulated by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services, the New Jersey Department of Human Services or another State agency in accordance with the requirements of this section, which includes validation of the number of bedrooms or units in which low- or moderate-income occupants reside.
- (k) The sponsor/owner shall complete annual monitoring as directed by the MHL.

15-42.6 Regional Income Limits.

- a. Administrative agents shall use the current regional income limits for the purpose of pricing affordable units and determining income eligibility of households.
- b. Regional income limits are based on regional median income, which is established by a regional weighted average of the “median family incomes” published by HUD. The procedure for computing the regional median income is detailed in N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.3.
- c. Updated regional income limits are effective as of the effective date of the regional Section 8 income limits for the year, as published by HUD, or 45 days after HUD publishes the regional Section 8 income limits for the year, whichever comes later. The new income limits may not be less than those of the previous year.

15-42.7 Maximum Initial Rents And Sales Prices.

- a. In establishing rents and sales prices of affordable housing units, the Administrative Agent shall follow the procedures set forth in UHAC N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.4.
- b. The average rent for all restricted units within each affordable housing development shall be affordable to households earning no more than 52 percent of regional median income.
- c. The maximum rent for restricted rental units within each affordable housing development shall be affordable to households earning no more than 60% of regional median income. The maximum rent may be increased to no more than 70 percent of regional median income for moderate-income units within affordable developments where very-low-income units compose at least 13 percent of the restricted units; however, the number of units with rent affordable to households earning 70 percent of regional median income may not exceed the number of very-low-income units in excess of 13 percent (rounded up) of the restricted units.
- d. The developers and/or municipal sponsors of restricted rental units shall establish at least one rent for each bedroom type for both low-income and moderate-income units, provided that at least 13% of all low- and moderate-income rental units shall be affordable to households earning no more than 30% of median income. These very low-income units shall be part of the low-income requirement and very-low-income units should be distributed between each bedroom count as proportionally as possible, to the nearest whole unit, to the total number of restricted units within each bedroom count.
- e. The maximum sales price of restricted ownership units within each affordable housing development shall be affordable to households earning no more than 70% of median income, and each affordable housing development must achieve an affordability average that does not exceed 55% for all restricted ownership units. In achieving this affordability average, moderate-income ownership units must be available for at least three different prices for each bedroom type, and low-income ownership units must be available for at least two different prices for each bedroom type when the number of low- and moderate-income units permits.
- f. The master deeds and declarations of covenants and restrictions for affordable developments may not distinguish between restricted units and market-rate units in the calculation of any condominium or homeowner association fees and special assessments to be paid by low- and moderate-income purchasers and those to be paid by market-rate purchasers. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, condominium units subject to a municipal ordinance adopted before December 20, 2004, which ordinance provides for condominium or homeowner association fees and/or assessments different from those provided for in this subsection are governed by the ordinance.
- g. In determining the initial sales prices and rents for compliance with the affordability average requirements for restricted family units, the following standards shall be met:
 1. A studio or efficiency unit shall be affordable to a one-person household;
 2. A one-bedroom unit shall be affordable to a one and one-half person household;

3. A two-bedroom unit shall be affordable to a three-person household;
 4. A three-bedroom unit shall be affordable to a four and one-half person household; and
 5. A four-bedroom unit shall be affordable to a six-person household.
- h. In determining the initial rents and sales prices for compliance with the affordability average requirements for restricted units in assisted living facilities and age-restricted and special needs and supportive housing developments, the following standards shall be met:
1. A studio or efficiency unit shall be affordable to a one-person household;
 2. A one-bedroom unit shall be affordable to a one and one-half person household; and
 3. A two-bedroom unit shall be affordable to a two-person household or to two one-person households. Where pricing is based on two one-person households, the developer shall provide a list of units so priced to the Municipal Housing Liaison and the Administrative Agent.
- i. The initial purchase price for all restricted ownership units shall be calculated so that the monthly carrying cost of the unit, including principal and interest (based on a mortgage loan equal to 95 percent of the purchase price and the FreddieMac 30-Year Fixed Rate-Mortgage rate of interest), property taxes, homeowner and private mortgage insurance and condominium or homeowner association fees do not exceed 30 percent of the eligible monthly income of the appropriate size household as determined pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.7, as may be amended and supplemented; provided, however, that the price shall be subject to the affordability average requirement of N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.4, as may be amended and supplemented.
- j. The initial rent for a restricted rental unit shall be calculated so that the total monthly housing expense, including an allowance for tenant-paid utilities, does not exceed 30 percent of the gross monthly income of a household of the appropriate size whose income is targeted to the applicable percentage of median income for the unit, as determined pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.3, as may be amended and supplemented. The rent shall also comply with the affordability average requirement of N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.4, as may be amended and supplemented. The initial rent for a restricted rental unit shall be calculated so the eligible monthly housing expenses/income, including an allowance for tenant-paid utilities does not exceed 30 percent of gross income of and the appropriate household size as determined pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.3, as may be amended and supplemented.
- k. At the anniversary date of the tenancy of the certified household occupying a restricted rental unit, following proper notice provided to the occupant household pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2A:18-61.1.f, the rent may be increased to an amount commensurate with the annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), specifically U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Series CUUR0100SAH, titled "Housing in Northeast urban, all urban consumers, not seasonally adjusted." Rent increases for units constructed pursuant to Low-Income Housing Tax Credit regulations shall be indexed pursuant to the regulations governing Low-Income Housing Tax Credits.

15-42.8 Affirmative Marketing.

- a. The municipality shall adopt, by resolution, an Affirmative Marketing Plan, subject to approval of the Superior Court, compliant with N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.16, as may be amended and supplemented.
- b. The Affirmative Marketing Plan is a regional marketing strategy designed to attract buyers and/or renters of all majority and minority groups, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital or familial status, gender, affectional or sexual orientation, disability, age, or number of children, to housing units which are being marketed by a developer, sponsor or owner of affordable housing. The Affirmative Marketing Plan is intended to target those potentially eligible persons who are least likely to apply for affordable units in that region. It is a continuing program that directs all marketing activities toward Housing Region 3 and is required to be followed throughout the period of deed restriction.
- c. The Affirmative Marketing Plan provides the following preferences, provided that units that remain unoccupied after these preferences are exhausted may be offered to households without regard to these preferences.
 1. Where the municipality has entered into an agreement with a developer or residential development owner to provide a preference for very-low-, low-, and moderate-income veterans who served in time of war or other emergency, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-311.j, there shall be a preference for veterans for up to 50 percent of the restricted rental units in a particular project.
 2. There shall be a regional preference for all households that live and/or work in Housing Region 3 comprising Hunterdon, Middlesex, and Somerset Counties.
 3. Subordinate to the regional preference, there shall be a preference for households that live and/or work in New Jersey.
 4. With respect to existing restricted units undergoing approved rehabilitation for the purpose of preservation or to restricted units newly created to replace existing restricted units undergoing demolition, a preference for the very-low-, low-, and moderate-income households that are displaced by the rehabilitation or demolition and replacement.
- d. The municipality has the ultimate responsibility for adopting the Affirmative Marketing Plan and for the proper administration of the Affirmative Marketing Process, including the marketing of initial sales and rentals and resales and re-rentals. The Administrative Agent designated by the municipality shall implement the Affirmative Marketing Process to ensure the Affirmative Marketing of all affordable units, with the exception of affordable programs that are exempt from Affirmative Marketing as noted herein.
- e. The Affirmative Marketing Process shall describe the media to be used in advertising and publicizing the availability of housing. In implementing the Affirmative Marketing Process, the Administrative Agent shall consider the use of language translations where appropriate.
- f. Applications for affordable housing or notices thereof, if offered online, shall be available in several locations, including, at a minimum, the County Administration Building and/or the County Library for each county within the housing region; the municipal administration building and municipal library in the municipality in which the units are located; and the

developer's rental or sales office. The developer shall mail applications to prospective applicants upon request and shall make applications available through a secure online website address.

- g. In addition to other Affirmative Marketing strategies, the Administrative Agent shall provide specific notice of the availability of affordable housing units on the New Jersey Housing Resource Center website. Any other entities, including developers or persons or companies retained to implement the Affirmative Marketing Process, shall comply with this paragraph.
- h. In implementing the Affirmative Marketing Process, the Administrative Agent shall provide a list of counseling services to low- and moderate-income applicants on subjects such as budgeting, credit issues, mortgage qualification, rental lease requirements, and landlord/tenant law.
- i. The Affirmative Marketing Process for available affordable units shall begin at least four months (120 days) prior to the expected date of occupancy.
- j. The cost to affirmatively market the affordable units shall be the responsibility of the developer, sponsor or owner, with the exception of Affirmative Marketing for resales.

15-42.9 Selection of Occupants of Affordable Housing Units.

- a. The Administrative Agent shall use a random selection process to select occupants of very low-, low- and moderate-income housing.
- b. A pool of interested households will be maintained in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.16.

15-42.10 Occupancy Standards.

- a. In referring certified households to specific restricted units, to the extent feasible, and without causing an undue delay in occupying the unit, the Administrative Agent shall strive to:
 - 1. Ensure each bedroom is occupied by at least one person, except for age-restricted and supportive and special needs housing units;
 - 2. Provide a bedroom for every two adult occupants;
 - 3. With regard to occupants under the age of 18, accommodate the household's requested arrangement, except that such arrangement may not result in more than two occupants under the age of 18 occupying any bedroom; and
 - 4. Avoid placing a one-person household into a unit with more than one bedroom.

15-42.11 Control Periods for Restricted Ownership Units and Enforcement Mechanisms.

- a. Control periods for restricted ownership units shall be in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.6, as may be amended and supplemented, and each restricted ownership unit shall remain subject to the controls on affordability for a period of at least 30 years subject to the requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.6, as may be amended and supplemented.
- b. Rehabilitated housing units that are improved to code standards shall be subject to affordability controls for a period of not less than 10 years (crediting towards present need only).

- c. The affordability control period for a restricted ownership unit shall commence on the date the initial certified household takes title to the unit. The date of commencement shall be identified in the deed restriction.
- d. If existing affordability controls are being extended, the extended control period for a restricted ownership unit commences on the effective date of the extension, which is the end of the original control period.
- e. After the end of any control period, the restricted ownership unit remains subject to the affordability controls set forth in this subchapter until the owner gives notice of their intent to make an exit sale, at which point:
 - 1. If the municipality exercises the right to extend the affordability controls on the unit, no exit sale occurs and a new control period commences; or
 - 2. If the municipality does not exercise the right to extend the affordability controls on the unit, the affordability controls terminate following the exit sale.
- f. Prior to the issuance of any building permit for the construction/rehabilitation of restricted ownership units, the developer/owner and the municipality shall record a preliminary instrument provided by the Administrative Agent.
- g. Prior to the issuance of the initial certificate of occupancy for a restricted ownership unit and upon each successive sale during the period of restricted ownership, the Administrative Agent shall determine the restricted price for the unit and shall also determine the nonrestricted, fair market value of the unit based on either an appraisal or the unit's equalized assessed value without the restrictions in place.
- h. At the time of the initial sale of the unit and upon each successive price-restricted sale, the initial purchaser shall execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent a recapture note obliging the purchaser, as well as the purchaser's heirs, successors, and assigns, to repay, upon the first non-exempt sale after the unit's release from the restrictions set forth in this Ordinance, an amount equal to the difference between the unit's non-restricted fair market value and its restricted price, and the recapture note shall be secured by a recapture lien evidenced by a duly recorded mortgage on the unit.
- i. The affordability controls set forth in this Ordinance shall remain in effect despite the entry and enforcement of any judgment of foreclosure with respect to price-restricted ownership units.

15-42.12 Price Restrictions for Restricted Ownership Units and Resale Prices.

- a. Price restrictions for restricted ownership units shall be in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.7, as may be amended and supplemented, including:
 - 1. The initial purchase price and affordability percentage for a restricted ownership unit shall be set by the Administrative Agent.
 - 2. The Administrative Agent shall approve all resale prices, in writing and in advance of the resale, to assure compliance with the standards set forth in N.J.A.C 5:80-26.7.
 - (a) If the resale occurs prior to the one-year anniversary of the date on which title to the unit was transferred to a certified household, the maximum resale price is the most recent non-exempt purchase price.

- (b) If the resale occurs on or after such anniversary date, the maximum resale price is the most recent non-exempt purchase price increased to reflect the cumulative annual percentage increases to the regional median income, effective as of the same date as the regional median income calculated pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.3
- 3. The owners of restricted ownership units may apply to the Administrative Agent to increase the maximum sales price for the unit on the basis of anticipated capital improvements. Eligible capital improvements shall be:
 - (a) those that render the unit suitable for a larger household or the addition of a bathroom.
 - (b) The maximum resale price may be further increased by an amount up to the cumulative dollar value of approved capital improvements made after the last non-exempt sale for improvements and/or upgrades to the unit, excluding capital improvements paid for by the entity favored on the recapture note and recapture lien described at N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.6(d);
- 4. No increase for capital improvements is permitted if the maximum resale price prior to adjusting for capital improvements already exceeds whatever initial purchase price the unit would have if it were being offered for purchase for the first time at the initial affordability percentage. All adjustments for capital improvements are subject to 10-year, straight-line depreciation.
- b. Upon the resale of a restricted ownership unit, all items of property that are permanently affixed to the unit or were included when the unit was initially restricted (for example, refrigerator, range, washer, dryer, dishwasher, wall-to-wall carpeting) shall be included in the maximum allowable resale price. Other items may be sold to the purchaser at a reasonable price that has been approved by the Administrative Agent at the time of the signing of the agreement to purchase but shall be separate and apart from any contract of sale for the underlying real estate. The purchase of central air conditioning installed subsequent to the initial sale of the unit and not included in the base price may be made a condition of the unit resale provided the price of the air conditioning equipment, which shall be subject to 10-year, straight-line depreciation, has been approved by the Administrative Agent. Unless otherwise approved by the Administrative Agent, the purchase of any property other than central air conditioning shall not be made a condition of the unit resale. The seller and the purchaser must personally certify at the time of closing that no unapproved transfer of funds for the purpose of selling and receiving property has taken place at the time of or as a condition of resale.

15-42.13 Buyer Income Eligibility.

- a. Buyer income eligibility for restricted ownership units shall be established pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.17, as may be amended and supplemented, such that very low-income ownership units shall be reserved for occupancy by households with a gross household income less than or equal to 30% of median income, low-income ownership units shall be reserved for occupancy by households with a gross household income less than or equal to 50% of median income and moderate-income ownership units shall be reserved for occupancy by households with a gross household income less than 80% of median income.

- b. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Administrative Agent may, upon approval by the municipality, and subject to the Division's approval, permit a moderate-income purchaser to buy a low-income unit if and only if the Administrative Agent can demonstrate that there is an insufficient number of eligible low-income purchasers in the housing region to permit prompt occupancy of the unit and all other reasonable efforts to attract a low-income purchaser, including pricing and financing incentives, have failed. Any such low-income unit that is sold to a moderate-income household shall retain the required pricing and pricing restrictions for a low-income unit. Similarly, the administrative agent may permit low-income purchasers to buy very-low-income units in housing markets where, as determined by the Division, units are reserved for very-low-income purchasers, but there is an insufficient number of very-low-income purchasers to permit prompt occupancy of the units. In such instances, the purchased unit must be maintained as a very-low-income unit and sold at a very-low-income price point such that on the next resale the unit will still be affordable to very-low-income households and able to be purchased by a very-low-income household. A very-low-income unit that is seeking bonus credit pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-311.k(9) must first be advertised exclusively as a very-low-income unit according to the Affirmative Marketing requirements at N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.16, then advertised as a very-low-income or low-income unit for at least 30 additional days prior to referring any low-income household to the unit.
- c. A certified household that purchases a restricted ownership unit must occupy it as the certified household's principal residence and shall not lease the unit; provided, however, that the Administrative Agent may permit the owner of a restricted ownership unit, upon application and a showing of hardship, to lease the restricted unit to another certified household for a period not to exceed one year.
- d. The Administrative Agent shall certify a household as eligible for a restricted ownership unit when the household is a low-income household or a moderate-income household, as applicable to the unit, and the estimated monthly housing cost for the particular unit (including principal, interest, property taxes, homeowner and private mortgage insurance and condominium or homeowner association fees, as applicable) does not exceed 35 percent of the household's eligible monthly income; provided, however, that this limit may be exceeded if one or more of the following circumstances exists:
 - 1. The household currently pays more than 35% (40% for households eligible for age-restricted units) of its gross household income for housing expenses, and the proposed housing expenses will reduce its housing costs;
 - 2. The household has consistently paid more than 35% (40% for households eligible for age-restricted units) of eligible monthly income for housing expenses in the past and has proven its ability to pay; or
 - 3. The household is currently in substandard or overcrowded living conditions;
 - 4. The household documents the existence of assets, within the asset limitation otherwise applicable, with which the household proposes to supplement the rent payments

15-42.14 Limitations on Indebtedness Secured by Ownership Unit; Subordination.

- a. Prior to incurring any indebtedness to be secured by a restricted ownership unit, the owner shall apply to the Administrative Agent for a determination in writing that the proposed

indebtedness complies with the provisions of this Section, and the Administrative Agent shall issue such determination prior to the owner incurring such indebtedness.

- b. With the exception of original purchase money mortgages, neither an owner nor a lender shall at any time during the control period cause or permit the total indebtedness secured by a restricted ownership unit to exceed 95% of the maximum allowable resale price of that unit, as such price is determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.7(c).

15-42.15 Control Periods for Restricted Rental Units.

- a. Control periods for units that meet the definition of prior round units shall be pursuant to the 2001 UHAC rules originally adopted October 1, 2001, 33 N.J.R. 3432, and amended December 20, 2004, 36 N.J.R. 5713 and shall remain subject to the requirements of this ordinance for a period of at least 30 years as applicable unless otherwise indicated.
- b. Other than for prior round units, control periods for restricted rental units shall be in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.12, as may be amended and supplemented, and each restricted rental unit shall remain subject to the requirements of this Ordinance for a period of at least 40 years. Restricted rental units created as part of developments receiving 9% Low-Income Housing Tax Credits must comply with a control period of not less than a 30-year compliance period plus a 15-year extended use period for a total of 45 years.
- c. The affordability control period for a restricted rental unit shall commence on the first date that a unit is issued a certificate of occupancy following the execution of the deed restriction or, if affordability controls are being extended, on the effective date of the extension, which is the end of the original control period.
- d. Rehabilitated renter-occupied housing units that are improved to code standards shall be subject to affordability controls for a period of not less than 10 years.
- e. Prior to the issuance of any building permit for the construction/rehabilitation of restricted rental units, the developer/owner and the municipality shall record a preliminary instrument provided by the Administrative Agent.
- f. Deeds of all real property that include restricted rental units shall contain deed restriction language. The deed restriction shall have priority over all mortgages on the property. The deed restriction shall be recorded by the developer with the county records office, and provided as filed and recorded, to the Administrative Agent within 30 days of the receipt of a certificate of occupancy.
- g. A restricted rental unit shall remain subject to the affordability controls of this Ordinance despite the occurrence of any of the following events:
 - 1. Sublease or assignment of the lease of the unit;
 - 2. Sale or other voluntary transfer of the ownership of the unit;
 - 3. The entry and enforcement of any judgment of foreclosure on the property containing the unit; or
 - 4. The end of the control period, until the occupant household vacates the unit, or is certified as over-income and the controls are released in accordance with UHAC.

15-42.16 Rent Restrictions for Rental Units; Leases and Fees.

- a. The initial rent for a restricted rental unit shall be set by the Administrative Agent.
- b. A written lease shall be required for all restricted rental units, except for units in an assisted living residence, and tenants shall be responsible for security deposits and the full amount of the rent as stated on the lease. A copy of the current lease for each restricted rental unit shall be retained on file by the Administrative Agent.
- c. No additional fees, operating costs, or charges shall be added to the approved rent (except, in the case of units in an assisted living residence, to cover the customary charges for food and services) without the express written approval of the Administrative Agent.
 1. Operating costs, for the purposes of this section, include certificate of occupancy fees, move-in fees, move-out fees, mandatory internet fees, mandatory cable fees, mandatory utility submetering fees, and for developments with more than one and a half off-street parking spaces per unit, parking fees for one parking space per household.
- d. Any fee structure that would remove or limit affordable unit occupant access to any amenities or services that are required or included for market-rate unit occupants is prohibited. Application fees (including the charge for any credit check) shall not exceed 5% of the monthly rent of the applicable restricted unit to be applied to the costs of administering the controls applicable to the unit as set forth in this Ordinance.
- e. Fees for unit-specific, non-communal items that are charged to market-rate unit tenants on an optional basis, such as pet fees for tenants with pets, storage spaces, bicycle-share programs, or one-time rentals of party or media rooms, may also be charged to affordable unit tenants, if applicable.
- f. Pet fees may not exceed \$30.00 per month and associated one-time payments for optional fees pertaining to pets, such as a pet cleaning fee, are prohibited.
- g. Fees charged to affordable unit tenants for other optional, unit-specific, non-communal items shall not exceed the amounts charged to market-rate tenants.
- h. For any prior round rental unit leased before December 20, 2024, elements of the existing fee structure that are consistent with prior rules, but inconsistent with 5:80-26.13(c)1, may continue until the occupant household's current lease term expires or that occupant household vacates the unit, whichever occurs later.

15-42.17 Tenant Income Eligibility.

- a. Tenant income eligibility shall be determined pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.14, as may be amended and supplemented, and shall be determined as follows:
 1. Very low-income rental units shall be reserved for households with a gross household income less than or equal to 30% of the regional median income by household size.
 2. Low-income rental units shall be reserved for households with a gross household income less than or equal to 50% of the regional median income by household size.
 3. Moderate-income rental units shall be reserved for households with a gross household income less than 80% of the regional median income by household size.

- b. The Administrative Agent shall certify a household as eligible for a restricted rental unit when the household is a very low-income, low-income or moderate-income household, as applicable to the unit, and the rent proposed for the unit does not exceed 35% (40% for age-restricted units) of the household's eligible monthly income as determined pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.17, as may be amended and supplemented; provided, however, that this limit may be exceeded if one or more of the following circumstances exists:
 - 1. The household currently pays more than 35% (40% for households eligible for age-restricted units) of its gross household income for rent, and the proposed rent will reduce its housing costs;
 - 2. The household has consistently paid more than 35% (40% for households eligible for age-restricted units) of eligible monthly income for rent in the past and has proven its ability to pay;
 - 3. The household is currently in substandard or overcrowded living conditions;
 - 4. The household documents the existence of assets with which the household proposes to supplement the rent payments; or
 - 5. The household documents reliable anticipated third-party assistance from an outside source such as a family member in a form acceptable to the Administrative Agent and the owner of the unit.
- c. The applicant shall file documentation sufficient to establish the existence of any of the circumstances in b.1. through b.5. above with the Administrative Agent, who shall counsel the household on budgeting.

15-42.18 Municipal Housing Liaison.

- a. The Municipal Housing Liaison shall be approved by municipal resolution.
- b. The Municipal Housing Liaison shall be approved by the Division, or is in the process of getting approval, and fully or conditionally meets the requirements for qualifications, including initial and periodic training as set forth in in N.J.A.C. 5:99-1 et seq.
- c. The Municipal Housing Liaison shall be responsible for oversight and administration of the affordable housing program, including the following responsibilities, which may not be contracted out to the Administrative Agent:
 - 1. Serving as the primary point of contact for all inquiries from the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program, the State, affordable housing providers, administrative agents and interested households.
 - 2. The oversight of the Affirmative Marketing Plan and affordability controls.
 - 3. When applicable, overseeing and monitoring any contracting Administrative Agent.
 - 4. Overseeing the monitoring of the status of all restricted units listed in the Fair Share Plan.
 - 5. Verifying, certifying and providing annual information within AHMS at such time and in such form as required by the Division.
 - 6. Coordinating meetings with affordable housing providers and administrative agents, as needed.

7. Attending continuing education opportunities on affordability controls, compliance monitoring, and affirmative marketing as offered or approved by the Division.
8. Overseeing the recording of a preliminary instrument in the form set forth at N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 for each affordable housing development.
9. Coordinating with the Administrative Agent, municipal attorney and municipal Construction Code Official to ensure that permits are not issued unless the document required in c.8. above has been duly recorded.
10. Listing on the municipal website contact information for the MHL and Administrative Agents.

15-42.19 Administrative Agent.

- a. All municipalities that have created or will create affordable housing programs and/or affordable units shall designate or approve, for each project within its HEFSP, an administrative agent to administer the affordable housing program and/or affordable housing units in accordance with the requirements of the FHA, NJAC 5:99-1 et seq. and UHAC.
- b. The fees for administrative agents shall be paid as follows:
 1. Administrative agent fees related to rental units shall be paid by the developer/owner.
 2. Administrative agent fees related to initial sale of units shall be paid by the developer.
 3. Administrative agent fees related to resales shall be paid by the seller of the affordable home.
 4. Administrative agent fees related to ongoing administration and enforcement shall be paid by the municipality.
- c. An Operating Manual for each affordable housing program shall be provided by the Administrative Agent(s). The Operating Manual(s) shall be available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk and in the office(s) of the Administrative Agent(s). Operating manuals shall be adopted by resolution of the Governing Body.
- d. Subject to the role of the Administrative Agent(s), the duties and responsibilities as are set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:99-7 and which are described in full detail in the Operating Manual, including those set forth in UHAC, include:
 1. Attending continuing education opportunities on affordability controls, compliance monitoring, and affirmative marketing as offered or approved by the Division;
 2. Affirmative marketing:
 - (a) Conducting an outreach process to affirmatively market affordable housing units in accordance with the Affirmative Marketing Plan of the municipality and the provisions of N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.16.
 - (b) Providing counseling, or contracting to provide counseling services, to low- and moderate-income applicants on subjects such as budgeting, credit issues, mortgage qualification, rental lease requirements; and landlord/tenant law.
 3. Household certification.

- (a) Soliciting, scheduling, conducting and following up on interviews with interested households.
 - (b) Conducting interviews and obtaining sufficient documentation of gross income and assets upon which to base a determination of income eligibility for a low- or moderate-income unit;
 - (c) Providing written notification to each applicant as to the determination of eligibility or non-eligibility within 5 days of the determination thereof.
 - (d) Requiring that all certified applicants for restricted units execute a certificate substantially in the form, as applicable, of either the ownership or rental certificates set forth in the Appendices J and K of N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et seq.
 - (e) Creating and maintaining a referral list of eligible applicant households living in the housing region, and eligible applicant households with members working in the housing region, where the units are located.
 - (f) Employing a random selection process as provided in the Affirmative Marketing Plan when referring households for certification to affordable units.
4. Affordability controls.
- (a) Furnishing to attorneys or closing agents forms of deed restrictions and mortgages for the recording at the time of conveyance of title of each restricted unit.
 - (b) Ensuring that the removal of the deed restrictions and cancellation of the mortgage note are effectuated and filed properly with the County Register of Deeds or County Clerk's office after the termination of the affordability controls for each restricted unit in accordance with UHAC.
 - (c) Communicating with lenders and the Municipal Housing Liaison regarding foreclosures.
 - (d) Ensuring the issuance of Continuing Certificates of Occupancy or certifications pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.11.
5. Records retention.
- (a) Creating and maintaining a file on each restricted unit for its control period, including the recorded deed with restrictions, recorded recapture mortgage, and note, as appropriate.
 - (b) Records received, retained, retrieved, or transmitted in furtherance of crediting affordable units of a municipality constitute public records of the municipality as defined by N.J.S.A. 47:3-16, and are legal property of the municipality.
6. Resales and re-rentals.
- (a) Instituting and maintaining an effective means of communicating information between owners and the Administrative Agent regarding the availability of restricted units for resale or re-rental.
 - (b) Instituting and maintaining an effective means of communicating information to very low-, low-, or moderate-income households regarding the availability of restricted units for resale or re-rental.

7. Processing requests from unit owners.
 - (a) Reviewing and approving requests from owners of restricted units who wish to refinance or take out home equity loans during the term of their ownership to determine that the amount of indebtedness to be incurred will not violate the terms of this ordinance.
 - (b) Reviewing and approving requests to increase sales prices from owners of restricted units who wish to make capital improvements to the units that would affect the selling price, such authorizations to be limited to those improvements resulting in additional bedrooms or bathrooms and the depreciated cost of central air conditioning systems.
 - (c) Notifying the municipality of an owner's intent to sell a restricted unit.
 - (d) Making determinations on requests by owners of restricted units for hardship waivers.
8. Enforcement.
 - (a) Securing annually from the municipality a list of all affordable ownership units for which property tax bills are mailed to absentee owners, and notifying all such owners that they must either move back to their unit or sell it;
 - (b) Securing from all developers and sponsors of restricted units, at the earliest point of contact in the processing of the project or development, written acknowledgement of the requirement that no restricted unit can be offered, or in any other way committed, to any person, other than a household duly certified to the unit by the Administrative Agent;
 - (c) Sending annual mailings to all owners of affordable dwelling units reminding them of the notices and requirements outlined in N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.19(d)4;
 - (d) Establishing a program for diverting unlawful rent payments to the municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund; and
 - (e) Creating and publishing a written operating manual for each affordable housing program administered by the Administrative Agent setting forth procedures for administering the affordability controls.
9. The Administrative Agent(s) shall, as delegated by the municipality, have the authority to take all actions necessary and appropriate to carry out its/their responsibilities, herein.

15-42.20 Responsibilities of The Owner of a development containing affordable units.

- a. The owner of all developments containing affordable units subject to this subchapter or the assigned management company thereof shall provide to the administrative agent:
 1. Site plan, architectural plan, or other plan that identifies the location of each affordable unit, if subject to the site plan approval, settlement agreement, or other applicable document regulating the location of affordable units. The administrative agent shall determine the location of affordable units if not set forth in the site plan approval, settlement agreement, or other applicable document.

2. The total number of units in the project and the number of affordable units.
 3. The breakdown of the affordable units by or identification of affordable unit locations by bedroom count and income level, including street addresses / unit numbers, if subject to the site plan approval, settlement agreement, or other applicable document regulating the breakdown of affordable units. The administrative agent shall determine the bedroom and income distribution if not set forth in the site plan approval, settlement agreement, or other applicable document.
 4. Floor plans of all affordable units, including complete and accurate identification of all rooms and the dimensions thereof.
 5. A projected construction schedule.
 6. The location of any common areas and elevators.
 7. The name of the person who will be responsible for official contact with the administrative agent for the duration of the project, which must be updated if the contact changes.
- b. In addition to (a) above, the owner of rental developments containing affordable rental units subject to this subchapter or the assigned management company thereof shall:
1. Send to all current tenants in all restricted rental units an annual mailing containing a notice as to the maximum permitted rent and a reminder of the requirement that the unit must remain their principal place of residence, which is defined as residing in the unit at least 260 days out of each calendar year, together with the telephone number, mailing address, and email address of the administrative agent to whom complaints of excess rent can be issued.
 2. Provide to the administrative agent a description of any applicable fees.
 3. Provide to the administrative agent a description of the types of utilities and which utilities will be included in the rent.
 4. Agree and ensure that the utility configuration established at the start of the rent-up process not be altered at any time throughout the restricted period.
 5. Provide to the administrative agent a proposed form of lease for any rental units.
 6. Ensure that the tenant selection criteria for the applicants for affordable units not be more restrictive than the tenant selection criteria for applicants for non-restricted units.
 7. Strive to maintain the continued occupancy of the affordable units during the entire restricted period.
- c. In addition to (a) above, the owner of affordable for-sale developments containing affordable for-sale units subject to this subchapter or the assigned management company thereof shall provide the administrative agent:
1. Proposed pricing for all units, including any purchaser options and add-on items.
 2. Condominium or homeowner association fees and any other applicable fees.
 3. Estimated real property taxes.
 4. Sewer, water, trash disposal, and any other utility assessments.

5. Flood insurance requirement, if applicable.
6. The State-approved planned real estate development public offering statement and/or master deed, where applicable, as well as the full build-out budget.

15-42.21 Enforcement of Affordable Housing Regulations.

- a. Upon the occurrence of a breach of any of the regulations governing the affordable unit by an owner, developer or tenant, the municipality shall have all remedies provided at law or equity, including but not limited to foreclosure, tenant eviction, municipal fines, a requirement for household recertification, acceleration of all sums due under a mortgage, recoupment of any funds from a sale in the violation of the regulations, injunctive relief to prevent further violation of the regulations, entry on the premises, and specific performance.
- b. After providing written notice of a violation to an owner, developer or tenant of an affordable unit and advising the owner, developer or tenant of the penalties for such violations, the municipality may take the following action against the owner, developer or tenant for any violation that remains uncured for a period of 60 days after service of the written notice:
 1. The municipality may file a court action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2A:58-11 alleging a violation, or violations, of the regulations governing the affordable housing unit. If the owner, developer or tenant is found by the Court to have violated any provision of the regulations governing affordable housing units the owner, developer or tenant shall be subject to one or more of the following penalties, at the discretion of the Court:
 - (a) A fine of not more than \$ 500 per day or imprisonment for a period not to exceed 90 days, or both, unless otherwise specified below, provided that each and every day that the violation continues or exists shall be considered a separate and specific violation of these provisions and not a continuation of the initial offense;
 - (b) In the case of an owner who has rented his or her low- or moderate-income unit in violation of the regulations governing affordable housing units, payment into the Affordable Housing Trust Fund of the gross amount of rent illegally collected;
 - (c) In the case of an owner who has rented his or her affordable unit in violation of the regulations governing affordable housing units, payment of an innocent tenant's reasonable relocation costs, as determined by the Court.
- c. The municipality shall have the authority to levy fines against the owner of the development for instances of noncompliance with NJHRC advertising requirements (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-321.6.e.(2)), following written notice to the owner. The fine for the first offense of noncompliance shall be \$5,000, the fine for the second offense of noncompliance shall be \$10,000, and the fine for each subsequent offense of noncompliance shall be \$15,000.
- d. The municipality may file a court action in the Superior Court seeking a judgment, which would result in the termination of the owner's equity or other interest in the unit, in the nature of a mortgage foreclosure. Any judgment shall be enforceable as if the same were a judgment of default of the first purchase money mortgage and shall constitute a lien against the low- or moderate-income unit.

1. Such judgment shall be enforceable, at the option of the municipality, by means of an execution sale by the Sheriff, at which time the affordable unit of the violating owner shall be sold at a sale price which is not less than the amount necessary to fully satisfy and pay off any first purchase money mortgage and prior liens and the costs of the enforcement proceedings incurred by the municipality, including attorney's fees. The violating owner shall have the right to possession terminated as well as the title conveyed pursuant to the Sheriff's sale.
2. The proceeds of the Sheriff's sale shall first be applied to satisfy the first purchase money mortgage lien and any prior liens upon the low- or moderate-income unit. The excess, if any, shall be applied to reimburse the municipality for any and all costs and expenses incurred in connection with either the court action resulting in the judgment of violation or the Sheriff's sale. In the event that the proceeds from the Sheriff's sale are insufficient to reimburse the municipality in full as aforesaid, the violating owner shall be personally responsible for the full extent of such deficiency, in addition to any and all costs incurred by the municipality in connection with collecting such deficiency. In the event that a surplus remains after satisfying all of the above, such surplus shall be placed in escrow by the municipality for the owner and shall be held in such escrow for a maximum period of two years or until such earlier time as the owner shall make a claim with the municipality for such. Failure of the owner to claim such balance within the two year period shall automatically result in a forfeiture of such balance to the municipality. Any interest accrued or earned on such balance while being held in escrow shall belong to and shall be paid to the municipality, whether such balance shall be paid to the owner or forfeited to the municipality.
3. Foreclosure due to violation of the regulations governing affordable housing units shall not extinguish the restrictions of the regulations governing affordable housing units as they apply to the low- and moderate-income unit. Title shall be conveyed to the purchaser at the Sheriff's sale, subject to the restrictions and provisions of the regulations governing the affordable housing unit. The owner determined to be in violation of the provisions of this plan and from whom title and possession were taken by means of the Sheriff's sale shall not be entitled to any right of redemption.
4. If there are no bidders at the Sheriff's sale, or if insufficient amounts are bid to satisfy the first purchase money mortgage and any prior liens, the municipality may acquire title to the affordable unit by satisfying the first purchase money mortgage and any prior liens and crediting the violating owner with an amount equal to the difference between the first purchase money mortgage and any prior liens and costs of the enforcement proceedings, including legal fees and the maximum resale price for which the affordable unit could have been sold under the terms of the regulations governing affordable housing units. This excess shall be treated in the same manner as the excess that would have been realized from an actual sale as previously described.
5. Failure of the low- or moderate-income unit to be either sold at the Sheriff's sale or acquired by the municipality shall obligate the owner to accept an offer to purchase from any qualified purchaser that may be referred to the owner by the municipality, with such offer to purchase being equal to the maximum resale price of the low- or moderate-income unit as permitted by the regulations governing affordable housing units.

6. The affordable unit owner shall remain fully obligated, responsible and liable for complying with the terms and restrictions of governing affordable housing units until such time as title is conveyed from the owner.
- e. It is the responsibility of the municipal housing liaison and the administrative agent(s) to ensure that affordable housing units are administered properly. All affordable units must be occupied within a reasonable amount of time and be re-leased within a reasonable amount of time upon the vacating of the unit by a tenant. If an administrative agent or municipal housing liaison becomes aware of or suspects that a developer, landlord, or property manager has not complied with these regulations, it shall report this activity to the Division. The Division must notify the developer, landlord, or property manager, in writing, of any violation of these regulations and provide a 30-day cure period. If, after the 30-day cure period, the developer, landlord, or property manager remains in violation of any terms of this subchapter, including by keeping a unit vacant, the developer, landlord, or property manager may be fined up to the amount required to construct a comparable affordable unit of the same size and the deed-restricted control period will be extended for the length of the time the unit was out of compliance, in addition to the remedies provided for in this section. For the purposes of this subsection, a reasonable amount of time shall presumptively be 60 days, unless a longer period of time is required due to demonstrable market conditions and/or failure of the municipal housing liaison or the administrative agent to refer a certified tenant.
- f. Banks and other lending institutions are prohibited from issuing any loan secured by owner occupied real property subject to the affordability controls set forth in this subchapter if such loan would be in excess of amounts permitted by the restriction documents recorded in the deed or mortgage book in the county in which the property is located. Any loan issued in violation of this subsection is void as against public policy.
- g. The Agency and the Department hereby reserve, for themselves and for each administrative agent appointed pursuant to this subchapter, all of the rights and remedies available at law and in equity for the enforcement of this subchapter, including, but not limited to, fines, evictions, and foreclosures as approved by a county-level housing judge.
- h. Appeals
 1. Appeals from all decisions of an administrative agent appointed pursuant to this subchapter must be filed, in writing, with the municipal housing liaison. A decision by the municipal housing liaison may be appealed to the Division. A written decision of the Division Director upholding, modifying, or reversing an administrative agent's decision is a final administrative action.

15-42.22 Development Fees.

- a. Purpose
 1. This section establishes standards for the collection, maintenance, and expenditure of development fees that are consistent with the amended Fair Housing Act (P.L.2024, c.2), N.J.A.C. 5:99, and the Statewide Non-Residential Development Fee Act (C. 40:55D-8.1 through 8.7). Fees collected pursuant to this Ordinance shall be used for the sole purpose of providing very low-, low- and moderate-income housing in accordance with a Court-approved Spending Plan.

b. Basic Requirements

1. The municipality previously adopted a development fee ordinance, which established the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund. This Ordinance establishes the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund.
2. The municipality shall not spend development fees until the court has approved a plan for spending such fees.

c. Residential Development Fees

1. Imposed fees

- (a) Residential developers, except for developers of the types of development specifically exempted below, shall pay a fee of 1.5% of the equalized assessed value for residential development, provided no increased density is permitted. Development fees shall also be imposed and collected when an additional dwelling unit is added to an existing residential structure; in such cases, the fee shall be calculated based on the increase in the equalized assessed value of the property due to the additional dwelling unit.
- (b) When an increase in residential density is permitted pursuant to a “d” variance granted under N.J.S.A. 40:55D-70d(5), developers shall be required to pay a “bonus” development fee of 6.0% of the equalized assessed value for each additional unit that may be realized, except that this provision shall not be applicable to a development that will include affordable housing. If the zoning on a site has changed during the two-year period preceding the filing of such a variance application, the base density for the purposes of calculating the bonus development fee shall be the highest density permitted by right during the two-year period preceding the filing of the variance application.

Example: If an approval allows four units to be constructed on a site that was zoned for two units, the fees could equal 1.5% of the equalized assessed value on the first two units; and the specified higher percentage of 6% of the equalized assessed value for the two additional units, provided zoning on the site has not changed during the two-year period preceding the filing of such a variance application.

2. Eligible exactions, ineligible exactions and exemptions for residential development

- (a) Affordable housing developments, developments where the developer is providing for the construction of affordable units elsewhere in the municipality, and developments where the developer has made an eligible payment in lieu of on-site construction of affordable units, if permitted by ordinance, or by agreement with the municipality and if approved by a municipality prior to the statutory elimination of payments in-lieu on March 20, 2024 per P.L.2024, c.2, shall be exempt from development fees.
- (b) Developments that have received preliminary or final site plan approval prior to the adoption of this ordinance and any preceding ordinance permitting the collection of development fees shall be exempt from the payment of development fees, unless the developer seeks a substantial change in the original approval. Where a site plan approval does not apply, the issuance of a zoning and/or building permit shall be

synonymous with preliminary or final site plan approval for the purpose of determining the right to an exemption. In all cases, the applicable fee percentage shall be determined based upon the development fee ordinance in effect on the date that the construction permit is issued.

- (c) Development fees shall be imposed and collected when an existing structure undergoes a change to a more intense use, is demolished and replaced, or is expanded, if the expansion is not otherwise exempt from the development fee requirement. The development fee shall be calculated on the increase in the equalized assessed value of the improved structure.
 - (d) No development fee shall be collected for the demolition and replacement of a residential building resulting from a fire or natural disaster.
- d. Non-Residential Development Fees
- 1. Imposition of fees
 - (a) Within all zoning districts, non-residential developers, except for developers of the types of development specifically exempted, shall pay a fee equal to 2.5% of the equalized assessed value of the land and improvements, for all new non-residential construction on an unimproved lot or lots.
 - (b) Within all zoning districts, non-residential developers, except for developers of the types of development specifically exempted, shall also pay a fee equal to 2.5% of the increase in equalized assessed value resulting from any additions to existing structures to be used for non-residential purposes.
 - (c) Development fees shall be imposed and collected when an existing structure is demolished and replaced. The development fee of 2.5% shall be calculated on the difference between the equalized assessed value of the pre-existing land and improvements and the equalized assessed value of the newly improved structure; i.e., land and improvements; and such calculation shall be made at the time a final certificate of occupancy is issued. If the calculation required under this section results in a negative number, the non-residential development fee shall be zero.
 - 2. Eligible exactions, ineligible exactions and exemptions for non-residential development
 - (a) The non-residential portion of a mixed-use inclusionary or market-rate development shall be subject to a 2.5% development fee, unless otherwise exempted below.
 - (b) The 2.5% fee shall not apply to an increase in equalized assessed value resulting from alterations, change in use within existing footprint, reconstruction, renovations and repairs.
 - 3. Non-residential developments shall be exempt from the payment of non-residential development fees in accordance with the exemptions required pursuant to the Statewide Non-Residential Development Fee Act (N.J.S.A. 40:55D-8.1 through 8.7), as specified in Form N-RDF "State of New Jersey Non-Residential Development Certification/Exemption." Any exemption claimed by a developer shall be substantiated by that developer.

4. A developer of a non-residential development exempted from the non-residential development fee pursuant to the Statewide Non-Residential Development Fee Act shall be subject to the fee at such time as the basis for the exemption no longer applies, and shall make the payment of the non-residential development fee, in that event, within three years after that event or after the issuance of the final certificate of occupancy of the non-residential development, whichever is later.
 5. If a property that was exempted from the collection of a non-residential development fee thereafter ceases to be exempt from property taxation, the owner of the property shall remit the fees required pursuant to this section within 45 days of the termination of the property tax exemption. Unpaid non-residential development fees under these circumstances may be enforceable by the municipality as a lien against the real property of the owner.
- e. Collection Procedures
1. Upon the granting of a preliminary, final or other applicable approval for a development, the applicable approving authority shall direct its staff to notify the construction official responsible for the issuance of a building permit.
 2. For non-residential developments only, the developer shall also be provided with a copy of Form N-RDF, "State of New Jersey Non-Residential Development Certification/Exemption," to be completed by the developer as per the instructions provided in the Form N-RDF. The construction official shall verify the information submitted by the non-residential developer as per the instructions provided on Form N-RDF. The tax assessor shall verify exemptions and prepare estimated and final assessments as per the instructions provided in Form N-RDF.
 3. The construction official responsible for the issuance of a building permit shall notify the tax assessor of the issuance of the first construction permit for a development that is subject to a development fee.
 4. Within 90 days of receipt of that notice, the tax assessor shall provide an estimate, based on the plans filed, of the equalized assessed value of the development.
 5. The construction official responsible for the issuance of a final certificate of occupancy shall notify the tax assessor of any and all requests for the scheduling of a final inspection on property that is subject to a development fee.
 6. Within 10 business days of a request for the scheduling of a final inspection, the tax assessor shall confirm or modify the previously estimated equalized assessed value of the improvements associated with the development; calculate the development fee; and thereafter notify the developer of the amount of the fee.
 7. Should the municipality fail to determine or notify the developer of the amount of the development fee within 10 business days of the request for final inspection, the developer may estimate the amount due and pay that estimated amount consistent with the dispute process set forth in Subsection b. of section 37 of P.L.2008, c.46 (N.J.S.A. 40:55D-8.6).
 8. Fifty percent (50%) of the development fee shall be collected at the time of issuance of the construction permit. The remaining portion shall be collected at the time of issuance

of the certificate of occupancy. The developer shall be responsible for paying the difference between the fee calculated at the time of issuance of the construction permit and that determined at the time of issuance of certificate of occupancy.

f. Appeal of development fees

1. A developer may challenge residential development fees imposed by filing a challenge with the County Board of Taxation. Pending a review and determination by that board, collected fees shall be placed in an interest-bearing escrow account by the municipality. Appeals from a determination of the board may be made to the Tax Court in accordance with the provisions of the State Tax Uniform Procedure Law, R.S. 54:48-1 et seq., within 90 days after the date of such determination. Interest earned on amounts escrowed shall be credited to the prevailing party.
2. A developer may challenge non-residential development fees imposed by filing a challenge with the director of the Division of Taxation. Pending a review and determination by the director, which shall be made within 45 days of receipt of the challenge, collected fees shall be placed in an interest-bearing escrow account by the municipality. Appeals from a determination of the director may be made to the Tax Court in accordance with the provisions of the State Tax Uniform Procedure Law, R.S. 54:48-1 et seq., within 90 days after the date of such determination. Interest earned on amounts escrowed shall be credited to the prevailing party.

g. Affordable Housing Trust Fund

1. A separate, interest-bearing Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund shall be maintained by the chief financial officer of the municipality for the purpose of depositing development fees collected from residential and non-residential developers and proceeds from the sale of units with extinguished controls.
2. The following additional funds shall be deposited in the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund and shall at all times be identifiable by source and amount:
 - (a) Payments in lieu of on-site construction of an affordable unit, where previously permitted by ordinance or by agreement with the municipality and if approved by a municipality prior to the statutory elimination of payments in-lieu on March 20, 2024 per P.L.2024, c.2;
 - (b) Funds contributed by developers to make 10% of the adaptable entrances in a townhouse or other multistory attached dwelling unit development accessible;
 - (c) Rental income from municipally operated units;
 - (d) Repayments from affordable housing program loans;
 - (e) Recapture funds;
 - (f) Proceeds from the sale of affordable units; and
 - (g) Any other funds collected in connection with the municipal affordable housing program including but not limited to interest earned on fund deposits.
3. The municipality shall provide the Division with written authorization, in the form of a tri-party escrow agreement(s) between the municipality, the Division and the

financial institution in which the municipal affordable housing trust fund has been established to permit the Division to direct the disbursement of the funds as provided for in N.J.A.C. 5:99-2.1 et seq.

4. Occurrence of any of the following deficiencies may result in the Division requiring the forfeiture of all or a portion of the funds in the municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund:
 - (a) Failure to meet deadlines for information required by the Division in its review of a development fee ordinance;
 - (b) Failure to commit or expend development fees within four years of the date of collection in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:99-5.5;
 - (c) Failure to comply with the requirements of the Non-Residential Development Fee Act and N.J.A.C. 5:99-3;
 - (d) Failure to submit accurate monitoring reports pursuant to this subchapter within the time limits imposed by the Act, this chapter, and/or the Division;
 - (e) Expenditure of funds on activities not approved by the Superior Court or otherwise permitted by law;
 - (f) Revocation of compliance certification or a judgment of compliance and repose;
 - (g) Failure of a municipal housing liaison or administrative agent to comply with the requirements set forth at N.J.A.C. 5:99-6, 7, and 8;
 - (h) Other good cause demonstrating that municipal affordable housing funds are not being used for an approved purpose.
 5. All interest accrued in the housing trust fund shall only be used on eligible affordable housing purposes approved by the Court.
- h. Use of Funds
1. The expenditure of all funds shall conform to a Spending Plan approved by Superior Court. Funds deposited in the municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund may be used for any activity approved by the Court to address the fair share obligation and may be set up as a grant or revolving loan program. Such activities include, but are not limited to: preservation or purchase of housing for the purpose of maintaining or implementing affordability controls; housing rehabilitation; new construction of affordable housing units and related costs; accessory apartments; a market-to-affordable program; conversion of existing non-residential buildings to create new affordable units; green building strategies designed to be cost-saving and in accordance with accepted national or state standards; purchase of land for affordable housing; improvement of land to be used for affordable housing; extensions or improvements of roads and infrastructure to affordable housing sites; financial assistance designed to increase affordability; administration necessary for implementation of the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan; and/or any other activity permitted by Superior Court and specified in the approved Spending Plan.
 2. Funds shall not be expended to reimburse the municipality or activities that occurred prior to the authorization of a municipality to collect development fees.

3. At least a portion of all development fees collected and interest earned shall be used to provide affordability assistance to very low-, low- and moderate-income households in affordable units included in the municipal Fair Share Plan. A portion of the development fees which provide affordability assistance shall be used to provide affordability assistance to very low-income households.
 - (a) Affordability assistance programs may include down payment assistance, security deposit assistance, low-interest loans, rental assistance, assistance with homeowners association or condominium fees and special assessments, infrastructure assistance, and assistance with emergency repairs. The specific programs to be used for affordability assistance shall be identified and described within the Spending Plan.
 - (b) Affordability assistance for very low income households may include producing very low-income units or buying down the cost of low- or moderate-income units in the municipal Fair Share Plan to make them affordable to households earning 30% or less of median income.
4. No more than 20% of all affordable housing trust funds, exclusive of those collected to fund an RCA prior to July 17, 2008, shall be expended on administration, including, but not limited to, salaries and benefits for municipal employees or consultants' fees necessary to develop or implement a new construction program, prepare and implement a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, administer an Affirmative Marketing Program and for compliance with the Superior Court and the Program including the costs to the municipality of resolving a challenge.
 - i. Monitoring
 1. On or before February 15 of each year, the municipality shall provide annual electronic data reporting of trust fund activity for the previous year from January 1st to December 31st through the AHMS Reporting System. This reporting shall include an accounting of all Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund activity, including the sources and amounts of all funds collected and the amounts and purposes for which any funds have been expended. Such reporting shall include an accounting of development fees collected from residential and non-residential developers, previously eligible payments in lieu of constructing affordable units on site (if permitted by ordinance or by agreement with the municipality prior to the March 20, 2024 statutory elimination per P.L. 2024, c.4), funds from the sale of units with extinguished controls, barrier-free escrow funds, rental income from municipally-owned affordable housing units, repayments from affordable housing program loans, interest and any other funds collected in connection with municipal housing programs, as well as an accounting of the expenditures of revenues and implementation of the Spending Plan approved by the Court.
 - j. Ongoing Collection of Fees
 1. The ability to impose, collect and expend development fees shall continue so long as the municipality retains authorization from the Court in the form of Compliance Certification or the good faith effort to obtain it.

2. If the municipality fails to renew its ability to impose and collect development fees prior to the expiration of its Judgment of Compliance, it may be subject to forfeiture of any or all funds remaining within its Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Any funds so forfeited shall be deposited into the New Jersey Affordable Housing Trust Fund established pursuant to section 20 of P.L.1985, c.222 (C. 52:27D-320).
- k. Emergent Affordable Housing Opportunities. Requests to expend affordable housing trust funds on emergent affordable housing opportunities not included in the municipal fair share plan shall be made to the Division and shall be in the form of a governing body resolution. Any request shall be consistent with N.J.A.C. 5:99-4.1.

SECTION 2: REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS

All ordinances or parts thereof in conflict or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, but only to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, it being the legislative intent that all such ordinances or part of ordinances now existing or in effect unless the same are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance shall remain in effect.

SECTION 3: SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable and if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof for any reason be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance, but shall remaining in effect; it being the legislative intent that this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

SECTION 4: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication as provided by law.

ATTEST

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK

Jasmine D. McCoy
Borough Clerk

Mayor Dominic Longo

Date of Introduction: February 10, 2026

Date of Adoption: March 10, 2026

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK

County of Somerset

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-010

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE HAMILTON STREET PLAZA PROJECT IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$1,900,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,900,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The improvement described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of Bound Brook, in the County of Somerset, New Jersey (the "Borough") as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a), there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$1,900,000, including a \$1,000,000 NJDOT Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program Grant (the "State Grant"). Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11(c), no down payment is provided for the cost of the improvement or purpose since the improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a) hereof is being partially funded by the State Grant.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose and in anticipation of receipt of the State Grant, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$1,900,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the

issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. (a) The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued is improvements to the Hamilton Street Plaza, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or bond anticipation notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is as stated in Section 2 hereof.

(c) The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date, unless such bond anticipation notes are permitted to mature at such later date in accordance with applicable law. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law or other applicable law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the

bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The Borough hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvement or purpose described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance is not a current expense. It is an improvement or purpose that the Borough may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 15 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes

provided in this bond ordinance by \$1,900,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$380,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement.

Section 7. The Borough hereby declares the intent of the Borough to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes described in Section 3(a) of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of the Treasury Regulations.

Section 8. Any grant moneys received for the purpose described in Section 3(a) hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 9. The chief financial officer of the Borough is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Borough and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Borough. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Borough pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Borough and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the

requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Borough fails to comply with its undertaking, the Borough shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 10. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the Borough for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

ATTEST

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK

Jasmine D. McCoy
Borough Clerk

Mayor Dominic Longo

Date of Introduction: February 24, 2026

Date of Adoption: March 10, 2026

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK
County of Somerset

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-011

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK IN CALENDAR YEAR 2026 PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.1 et seq.) provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.0% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Bound Brook in the County of Somerset finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY2026 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for CY2026 amounting to \$556,078.64 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Bound Brook, in the County of Somerset State of New Jersey, a majority of the full authorized membership of this Governing Body affirmatively concurring, that in the CY2026 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Bound Brook shall, in accordance with this Ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$556,078.64 and that the CY2026 municipal budget for the Borough of Bound Brook be approved and adopted in accordance with this Ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any amount authorized by this Ordinance that is not appropriated as part of the final CY2026 budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a certified copy of this Ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within five (5) days of introduction; and

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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a certified copy of this Ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director of the Division of Local Government Services within five (5) days after such adoption.

ATTEST

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK

Jasmine D. McCoy
Borough Clerk

Mayor Dominic Longo

Date of Introduction: March 10, 2026

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK
County of Somerset

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-12

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 “ADMINISTRATION,” ARTICLE VI “BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES AND AGENCIES,” SECTION 2-35 “LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD” TO AMEND THE ESTABLISHMENT AND AUTHORITY OF THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD AND DESIGNATE THE BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR AS LIAISON

WHEREAS, the Borough established the Library Advisory Board through Ordinance No. 05-26 to act as a liaison between the Borough of Bound Brook and the Somerset County Library Commission for the continuation of a public library within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council now deem it in the best interests of the public to amend the enabling ordinance of the Library Advisory Board, have the Borough Administrator act as liaison to the Somerset County Library Commission, and better define the purpose of the Library Advisory Board.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bound Brook, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 2, Section 35, “Library Advisory Board,” Section 35.1 “Established; membership,” and Section 35.2 “Temporary Authority” are hereby amended as and supplemented by deleting the text **[marked in bold and enclosed in brackets]** and inserting the text **underlined and marked in bold**:

2-35 LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

2-35.1 Established; membership.

[A Library Advisory Board is hereby established to act as liaison between the Borough of Bound Brook and the Somerset County Library Commission and to perform such other functions as shall from time to time be appropriate for the continuation of a public library within the Borough of Bound Brook.] The Library Advisory Board shall consist of the Mayor or his designated alternate, the Borough’s Superintendent of Schools or his designated alternate, and five resident members appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council. Each member appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council shall serve for a term of three years and until his successor is appointed and qualified; except that, of those five members first appointed, two members shall serve an initial term of three years, two members shall serve an initial term of two years, and one member shall serve an initial term of one year.

The Library Advisory Board shall adopt **[by-laws] bylaws** governing the conduct of its business, **which shall be subject to review and approval by the Governing Body prior to adoption thereof**, and shall hold an organizational meeting annually in January of each year. **The Library Advisory Board may amend its Bylaws subject to review and approval by the Governing**

Body prior to amendment thereof. The Bylaws of the Library Advisory Board shall set forth that the members are chosen as set forth herein.

2-35.2 [Temporary a]Authority.

The Library Advisory Board is hereby **established and** authorized [**and empowered**] to **advise** [perform such functions as may be necessary to conclude] **as to** the affairs of the **Somerset County Library System's** Bound Brook [Municipal Public] Library **Branch, [Board of Trustees]** **and to make recommendations to the Borough of Bound Brook Mayor and Council. The Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bound Brook shall have the authority to grant or deny, in whole or in part, any of the recommendations of the Library Advisory Board, and authorize the expenditure of Borough funds toward such recommendations. All moneys expended or collected by the Library Advisory Board shall be under the authority and control of the Borough. The Borough maintains the authority to audit the funds expended and collected by the Library Advisory Board.**

2-35.3 Somerset County Library Commission Liaison

The Borough Administrator shall act as liaison between the Borough of Bound Brook and the Somerset County Library Commission.

SECTION 2: REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS

All ordinances or parts thereof in conflict or inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, but only to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, it being the legislative intent that all such ordinances or part of ordinances now existing or in effect unless the same are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance shall remain in effect.

SECTION 3: SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable and if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof for any reason be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance, but shall remaining in effect; it being the legislative intent that this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

SECTION 4: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication as provided by law.

SECTION 5: CODIFICATION

This ordinance shall be a part of the Code of Borough of Bound Brook as though codified and fully set forth therein. The Borough Clerk shall have this ordinance codified and incorporated in the official copies of the Code.

ATTEST

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK

Jasmine D. McCoy
Borough Clerk

Mayor Dominic Longo

Date of Introduction: February 24, 2026

Date of Adoption: March 10, 2026

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK
County of Somerset

RESOLUTION 2026-071

RESOLUTION ADOPTING RECREATION FEES FOR 2026

WHEREAS, pursuant to Borough Code Chapter 2-65.A, Recreation fees shall be established by the Mayor and Council on an annual basis by resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bound Brook that Recreation Fees for 2026 are established as follows:

<u>SPORTS</u>	<u>FEE</u>
Travel Basketball	\$100
Recreation Basketball	\$35
Basketball Clinics	\$25
Wrestling	Free
T-ball	\$20
Rookies	\$30
Minors	\$40
Majors	\$45
Fall Baseball	\$100
Pitching Baseball Clinic	\$65
Softball (Rookies)	\$20
Softball (Minors)	\$25
Softball (Majors)	\$30
Soccer (Fall)	\$65
Soccer (Spring)	\$70
Soccer (Winter)	\$50
Soccer (Clinic)	\$50
Football (Flag)	\$50
Football (Clinic)	\$20
Football (League)	\$65
Cheer (Clinic)	\$36
Cheer (Competition)	\$250
Cheer (Gymnastics)	\$55
Pickelball	\$120
Adult Gym	\$40/weekly session
Adult Gym	\$10/drop in
<u>SUMMER CAMP</u>	
Summer Camp (Grade 1-6)	\$85
Before & After Care	\$25

POOL

Pool-Resident (Family membership) 2 Adults & 3 Children (age 24 and under) at same address	\$300
Additional children age 24 +	\$50
Pool-Non-Resident (Family membership) 2 Adults & 3 Children (age 24 and under) at same address	\$425
Additional children ages 24 +	\$65
Pool-Resident (Child Membership) Ages 2-18	\$75
Pool-Non-Resident (Child Membership) Ages 2-18	\$125
Pool-Resident (Adult) Ages 19-61	\$125
Pool-Non-Resident (Adult) Ages 19-61	\$175
Pool-Resident (Senior) Ages 62+	\$50
Pool-Non-Resident (Senior) Ages 62+	\$80
Member Only Guest Pass- Resident	\$10
Member Only Guest Pass- Non-Resident	\$15
Week Pass- Family- Resident	\$150
Week Pass- Family- Non-Resident	\$225
Week Pass- Child- Resident Ages 2-17	\$50
Week Pass- Child- Non-Resident Ages 2-17	\$80
Week Pass- Adult- Resident	\$75
Week Pass- Adult- Non-Resident	\$95
Week Pass- Senior- Resident	\$25

Week Pass- Senior-Non-Resident	\$40
Daily Pass- Resident (May-July)	\$25
Daily Pass- Non-Resident (May-July)	\$35
Daily Pass- Resident (August-September)	\$15

POOL PARTY \$190

Additional Guests up to 35	\$20/ person
Additional Time	\$40/ hour
Extra Tables	\$15/table

FACILITY RENTAL

Gym/ Ben Maggio Rental	
Monday-Thursday	\$60/hr
Friday -Sunday	\$75/hr
Tea Street Fields	\$85/3-hour block
Tea Street Lights-One Field	\$60
Tea Street Lights- Two Fields	\$100
Codrington Park/ Rock Machine	\$85/3-hour block
Billian Park Ballfield	\$110/ 3-hour block
Gatherings of 15 or more (without sports field usage)	\$20/hr
Security Deposit (Refundable)	\$100
Field Usage	

Attest:

Approved:

Jasmine D. McCoy, Borough Clerk

Mayor Dominic Longo

Date of Adoption: March 10, 2026

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK
County of Somerset

RESOLUTION 2026-072

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE UPDATED AFFIRMATIVE MARKETING PLAN FOR THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Fair Housing Act at N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq. and the Uniform Housing Affordability Controls at N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.16, the Borough is required to adopt and implement an Affirmative Marketing Plan to ensure that all affordable housing units created are affirmatively marketed to very low, low, and moderate income households, particularly those households living and/or working within Housing Region 3, the Housing Region encompassing the Borough of Bound Brook; and

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2026, Judge William G. Mennen, J.S.C. entered a Consent Order in “In the Matter of the Application of the Borough of Bound Brook, County of Somerset,” Docket No. SOM-L-155-25, directing the Borough to update its Affirmative Marketing Plan by March 15, 2026; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bound Brook, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The Borough Council hereby adopts the following Affirmative Marketing Plan found herein.
2. The Borough’s Administrative Agent is hereby authorized and directed to implement and enforce the policies and procedures contained in the Affirmative Marketing Plan.
3. The Affirmative Marketing Plan may be updated from time to time to ensure ongoing compliance with State law, court-ordered requirements, and the Borough’s Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, provided such updates are approved by the Borough Council.

Affirmative Marketing Plan

- A. All affordable housing units in the Borough of Bound Brook (the “Borough”) shall be marketed in accordance with the provisions herein.
- B. This Affirmative Marketing Plan shall apply to all developments that contain or will contain very-low, low, and moderate income units, including those that are part of the Borough’s Prior Round, Third Round, and its current Fair Share Plan and those that may be constructed in future developments not yet anticipated by the Fair Share Plan. This Affirmative Marketing Plan shall also apply to any rehabilitated rental units that are vacated and re-rented during the applicable period of controls for rehabilitated rental units.

- C. The Affirmative Marketing Plan shall be implemented by one or more Administrative Agent(s) designated by and/or under contract to the Borough. All of the costs of advertising and affirmatively marketing affordable housing units shall be borne by the developers/sellers/owners of affordable unit(s), and all such advertising and affirmative marketing shall be subject to approval and oversight by the designated Administrative Agent.
- D. In implementing the Affirmative Marketing Plan, the Administrative Agent, acting on behalf of the Borough, shall undertake, at the minimum, all of the following strategies:
1. Publication of an advertisement in one or more newspapers of general circulation within Housing Region 3.
 2. Broadcasting of an advertisement by a radio or television station broadcasting throughout the Housing Region 3.
 3. At least one additional regional marketing strategy using one of the other sources listed below.
- E. The Affirmative Marketing Plan is a regional marketing strategy designed to attract buyers and/or renters of all majority and minority groups, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital or familial status, gender, affectional or sexual orientation, disability, age, or number of children to housing units which are being marketed by a developer or sponsor of affordable housing. The Affirmative Marketing Plan is also intended to target those potentially eligible persons who are least likely to apply for affordable units in that region. It is a continuing program that directs all marketing activities toward the Housing Region in which the municipality is located and covers the entire period of the deed restriction for each restricted housing unit. The Borough of Bound Brook is located in Housing Region 3, consisting of Hunterdon, Middlesex, and Somerset Counties.
- F. The Affirmative Marketing Plan is a continuing program intended to be followed throughout the entire period of restrictions and shall meet the following requirements:
1. All newspaper articles, announcements and requests for applications for very low, low and moderate income units shall appear in the *Star Ledger* and the *Courier News*.
 2. The primary marketing shall take the form of at least one press release and a paid display advertisement in the above online news publications once a week for four consecutive weeks. Additional advertising and publicity shall be on an "as needed" basis. The developer/owner shall disseminate all public service announcements and pay for display advertisements. The developer/owner shall provide proof of all publications to the Administrative Agent. All press releases and advertisements shall be approved in advance by the Administrative Agent.

3. The advertisement shall include a description of the:
 - a. Location of the units;
 - b. Directions to the units;
 - c. Range of prices for the units;
 - d. Size, as measured in bedrooms, of units;
 - e. Maximum income permitted to qualify for the units;
 - f. Location of applications;
 - g. Business hours when interested households may obtain an application; and
 - h. Application fees.
4. Newspaper articles, announcements and information on where to request applications for very low, low-, and moderate-income housing shall appear at least once a week for four consecutive weeks in at least three locally oriented online newspapers serving the housing region, one of which shall be circulated primarily in Somerset County and the other two of which shall be circulated primarily outside of Somerset County but within the housing region.
5. The developer must provide satisfactory proof of public dissemination. See “Attachment A,” **Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan for Affordable Housing Region 3** (attached to and hereby made part of this Resolution).\
6. The following regional cable television stations or regional radio stations shall be used during the first month of advertising. The developer must provide satisfactory proof of public dissemination:
 - a. WKXW (101.5 FM)
 - b. WOR (710 AM)
 - c. WCBS (880 AM)
 - d. Comcast of Central New Jersey
 - e. Cablevision of Raritan Valley
 - f. PCTV (Channel 40)
 - g. WMBC-TV (Channel 63)

- h. WOLD-LP (95.1 FM)
 - i. MAGIC (98.3 FM)
- G. Applications, brochure(s), sign(s) and/or poster(s) used as part of the affirmative marketing program shall be available/posted in the following locations:
- 1. Borough of Bound Brook Borough Hall
 - 2. Borough of Bound Brook Borough Web Site
 - 3. Developer's Sales/Rental Offices
 - 4. Hunterdon County Administration Building
 - 5. Middlesex County Administration Building
 - 6. Somerset County Administration Building
 - 7. Hunterdon County Library (all branches)
 - 8. Middlesex County Library (all branches)
 - 9. Somerset County Library (all branches)

Applications shall be mailed by the Administrative Agent and Municipal Housing Liaison to prospective applicants upon request. Also, applications shall be available at the developer's sales/rental office and multiple copies of application forms shall be mailed to Fair Share Housing Center (FSHC), the Latino Action Network, New Jersey NAACP, the Northwest New Jersey Community Action Program Inc., & the Central Jersey Housing Resource Center for dissemination to their respective constituents.

- H. The Administrative Agent shall develop, maintain and update a list of community contact person(s) and/or organizations(s) in Hunterdon, Middlesex, and Somerset Counties that will aid in the affirmative marketing program with particular emphasis on contacts that will reach out to groups that are least likely to apply for housing within the region, including major regional employers identified in Attachment A, Part III, Marketing, Section 3e of DCA's *Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan for Affordable Housing in Region 3* (attached to and hereby made part of this Resolution) as well as the following entities: Latino Action Network, New Jersey NAACP, the Northwest New Jersey Community Action Program Inc., & the Central Jersey Housing Resource Center for dissemination to their respective constituents.
- 1. Quarterly informational flyers and applications shall be sent to each of the following agencies for publication in their journals and for circulation among their members:

Hunterdon County Board of Realtors
Middlesex County Board of Realtors
Somerset County Board of Realtors

2. Quarterly informational circulars and applications shall be sent to the administrators of each of the following agencies within the counties of Hunterdon, Middlesex, and Somerset:

Welfare or Social Service Board (via the Director)
Rental Assistance Office (local office of DCA)
Office on Aging
County Housing Authority
Community Action Agencies
Community Development Departments

3. Quarterly informational circulars and applications shall be sent to the chief personnel administrators of all of the major employers within the region, as listed on Attachment A, Part III, Marketing, Section 3e.
4. In addition, specific notification of the availability of affordable housing units in New Providence (along with copies of the application form) shall be provided to the following entities: Latino Action Network, New Jersey NAACP, the Northwest New Jersey Community Action Program Inc., & the Central Jersey Housing Resource Center for dissemination to their respective constituents.

- J. A random selection method to select occupants of very low, low and moderate income housing will be used by the Administrative Agent, in conformance with N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.16. The Affirmative Marketing Plan shall provide a regional preference for very low, low and moderate income households that live and/or work in Housing Region 3, comprised of Hunterdon, Middlesex, and Somerset Counties. Pursuant to the New Jersey Fair Housing Act (P.L. 2024 c.2), a preference for very low, low and moderate income veterans duly qualified under N.J.A.C. 54:4-8.10 may also be exercised, provided an agreement to this effect has been executed between the developer or landlord and the Borough prior to the affirmative marketing of the units.
- J. The Administrative Agent shall administer the Affirmative Marketing Plan. The Administrative Agent has the responsibility to income qualify very low, low-, and moderate-income households; to place income eligible households in very low, low-, and moderate-income units upon initial occupancy; to provide for the initial occupancy of very low, low-, and moderate-income units with income qualified households; to continue to qualify households for re-occupancy of units as they become vacant during the period of affordability controls; to assist with outreach to very low, low-, and moderate-income households; and to enforce the terms of the deed restriction and mortgage loan as per N.J.A.C 5:80-26-1, et seq., as amended and supplemented.

- K. The Administrative Agent shall provide or direct qualified very low, low and moderate income applicants to counseling services on subjects such as budgeting, credit issues, mortgage qualifications, rental lease requirements and landlord/tenant law and shall develop, maintain and update a list of entities and lenders willing and able to perform such services.
- L. All developers/owners of very low, low-, and moderate-income housing units shall be required to undertake and pay the costs of the marketing of the affordable units in their respective developments, subject to the direction and supervision of the Administrative Agent.
- M. The implementation of the Affirmative Marketing Plan for a development that includes affordable housing shall commence at least 120 days before the issuance of either a temporary or permanent certificate of occupancy. The implementation of the Affirmative Marketing Plan shall continue until all very low, low-, and moderate-income housing units are initially occupied and for as long as the affordable units remain deed restricted such that qualifying new tenants and/or purchasers continues to be necessary.
- N. The Administrative Agent shall provide the Affordable Housing Liaison with the information required to comply with monitoring and reporting requirements pursuant to N.J.A.C.5:80-26-1, et seq., as amended and supplemented.

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Bound Brook at the Borough Council meeting held on March 10, 2026.

Attest:

Approved:

Jasmine D. McCoy
Borough Clerk

Mayor Dominic Longo

Date of Adoption: March 10, 2026

ATTACHMENT A
AFFIRMATIVE FAIR HOUSING MARKETING PLAN
 For Affordable Housing in **(REGION 3)**

I. APPLICANT AND PROJECT INFORMATION

(Complete Section I individually for all developments or programs within the municipality.)

1a. Administrative Agent Name, Address, Phone Number		1b. Development or Program Name, Address	
1c. Number of Affordable Units: Number of Rental Units: Number of For-Sale Units:	1d. Price or Rental Range From To	1e. State and Federal Funding Sources (if any)	
1f. <input type="checkbox"/> Age Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Age Restricted	1g. Approximate Starting Dates Advertising: Occupancy:		
1h. County Hunterdon, Middlesex, Somerset		1i. Census Tract(s):	
1j. Managing/Sales Agent's Name, Address, Phone Number			
1k. Application Fees (if any):			

(Sections II through IV should be consistent for all affordable housing developments and programs within the municipality. Sections that differ must be described in the approved contract between the municipality and the administrative agent and in the approved Operating Manual.)

II. RANDOM SELECTION

2. Describe the random selection process that will be used once applications are received.
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III. MARKETING

3a. Direction of Marketing Activity: (indicate which group(s) in the housing region are least likely to apply for the housing without special outreach efforts because of its location and other factors)			
<input type="checkbox"/> White (non-Hispanic) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Black (non-Hispanic) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hispanic <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asian or Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Other group:			
3b. HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER (www.njhousing.gov) A free, online listing of affordable housing <input type="checkbox"/>			
3c. Commercial Media (required) (Check all that applies)			
	DURATION & FREQUENCY OF OUTREACH	NAMES OF REGIONAL NEWSPAPER(S)	CIRCULATION AREA
TARGETS ENTIRE HOUSING REGION 3			
Daily Newspaper			
<input type="checkbox"/>		Star-Ledger	
TARGETS PARTIAL COAH REGION 3			
Daily Newspaper			
<input type="checkbox"/>		Home News Tribune	Middlesex, Somerset, Union
<input type="checkbox"/>		Courier News	Somerset and Hunterdon
Weekly Newspaper			
<input type="checkbox"/>		Beacon	Hunterdon
<input type="checkbox"/>		Delaware Valley News	Hunterdon
<input type="checkbox"/>		Hunterdon County Democrat / Hunterdon Observer	Hunterdon
<input type="checkbox"/>		Hunterdon Review	Hunterdon
<input type="checkbox"/>		Amboy Beacon	Middlesex
<input type="checkbox"/>		Colonia Corner	Middlesex
<input type="checkbox"/>		Cranbury Press	Middlesex
<input type="checkbox"/>		East Brunswick Sentinel	Middlesex
<input type="checkbox"/>		Edison Sentinel	Middlesex
<input type="checkbox"/>		South Brunswick Post	Middlesex
<input type="checkbox"/>		South Plainfield Observer	Middlesex
<input type="checkbox"/>		Suburban, The	Middlesex
<input type="checkbox"/>		Princeton Packet	Middlesex, Somerset
<input type="checkbox"/>		Sentinel, The	Middlesex, Somerset
<input type="checkbox"/>		Atom Tabloid & Citizen Gazette	Middlesex, Union

<input type="checkbox"/>		Parsippany Life	Morris
<input type="checkbox"/>		Echoes Sentinel	Morris, Somerset
<input type="checkbox"/>		Bernardsville News	Somerset
<input type="checkbox"/>		Branchburg News	Somerset
<input type="checkbox"/>		Chronicle	Somerset
<input type="checkbox"/>		Hills-Bedminster Press	Somerset
<input type="checkbox"/>		Hillsborough Beacon	Somerset
<input type="checkbox"/>		Manville News	Somerset
<input type="checkbox"/>		Messenger-Gazette	Somerset
<input type="checkbox"/>		Reporter	Somerset
<input type="checkbox"/>		Somerset Spectator	Somerset
Monthly Newspaper			
<input type="checkbox"/>		About Our Town/Community News	Middlesex, Somerset

	DURATION & FREQUENCY OF OUTREACH	NAMES OF REGIONAL TV STATION(S)	CIRCULATION AREA AND/OR RACIAL/ETHNIC IDENTIFICATION OF READERS/AUDIENCE
TARGETS ENTIRE HOUSING REGION 3			
<input type="checkbox"/>		2 WCBS-TV Cbs Broadcasting Inc.	
<input type="checkbox"/>		3 KYW-TV Cbs Broadcasting Inc.	
<input type="checkbox"/>		4 WNBC NBC Telemundo License Co. (General Electric)	
<input type="checkbox"/>		5 WNYW Fox Television Stations, Inc. (News Corp.)	
<input type="checkbox"/>		6 WPVI-TV American Broadcasting Companies, Inc (Walt Disney)	
<input type="checkbox"/>		7 WABC-TV American Broadcasting Companies, Inc (Walt Disney)	
<input type="checkbox"/>		9 WWOR-TV Fox Television Stations, Inc. (News Corp.)	
<input type="checkbox"/>		10 WCAU NBC Telemundo License Co. (General Electric)	
<input type="checkbox"/>		11 WPIX Wpix, Inc. (Tribune)	
<input type="checkbox"/>		12 WHYY-TV Whyy, Inc.	
<input type="checkbox"/>		13 WNET Educational Broadcasting Corporation	

<input type="checkbox"/>		17 WPHL-TV Tribune Company	
<input type="checkbox"/>		31 WPXN-TV Paxson Communications License Company, Llc	
<input type="checkbox"/>		35 WYBE Independence Public Media Of Philadelphia, Inc.	
<input type="checkbox"/>		39 WLVT-TV Lehigh Valley Public Telecommunications Corp.	
<input type="checkbox"/>		41 WXTV Wxtv License Partnership, G.p. (Univision Communications Inc.)	
<input type="checkbox"/>		48 WGTW-TV Trinity Broadcasting Network	
<input type="checkbox"/>		50 WNJN New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority	
<input type="checkbox"/>		52 WNJT New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority	
<input type="checkbox"/>		57 WPSG Cbs Broadcasting Inc.	
<input type="checkbox"/>		58 WNJB New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority	
<input type="checkbox"/>		61 WPPX Paxson Communications License Company, Llc	
<input type="checkbox"/>		63 WMBC-TV Mountain Broadcating Corporation	
<input type="checkbox"/>		65 WUVP-TV Univision Communications, Inc.	
<input type="checkbox"/>		68 WFUT-TV Univision New York Llc	Spanish
TARGETS PARTIAL HOUSING REGION 3			
<input type="checkbox"/>		16 WNEP-TV New York Times Co.	Hunterdon
<input type="checkbox"/>		46 W46BL Maranatha Broadcasting Company, Inc.	Hunterdon
<input type="checkbox"/>		51 WTVE Reading Broadcasting, Inc	Hunterdon (Christian)
<input type="checkbox"/>		25 W25BB New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority	Hunterdon, Middlesex
<input type="checkbox"/>		22 WYOU Nexstar Broadcasting, Inc	Hunterdon, Somerset
<input type="checkbox"/>		28 WBRE-TV Nexstar Broadcasting, Inc.	Hunterdon, Somerset
<input type="checkbox"/>		44 WVIA-TV Ne Pa Ed Tv Association	Hunterdon, Somerset
<input type="checkbox"/>		56 WOLF-TV Wolf License Corp	Hunterdon, Somerset
<input type="checkbox"/>		60 WBPH-TV Sonshine Family Television Corp	Hunterdon, Somerset
<input type="checkbox"/>		69 WFMZ-TV	Hunterdon, Somerset

		Maranatha Broadcasting Company, Inc.	
<input type="checkbox"/>		29 WTXF-TV Fox Television Stations, Inc. (News Corp.)	Middlesex, Somerset
<input type="checkbox"/>		47 WNJU NBC Telemundo License Co. (General Electric)	Middlesex, Somerset
<input type="checkbox"/>		66 WFME-TV Family Stations of New Jersey, Inc.	Middlesex, Somerset (Christian)
<input type="checkbox"/>		25 WNYE-TV New York City Dept. Of Info Technology & Telecommunications	Somerset

	DURATION & FREQUENCY OF OUTREACH	NAMES OF CABLE PROVIDER(S)	BROADCAST AREA
TARGETS PARTIAL HOUSING REGION 3			
<input type="checkbox"/>		Comcast of Northwest NJ, Southeast Pennsylvania	Partial Hunterdon
<input type="checkbox"/>		Patriot Media & Communications	Partial Hunterdon, Somerset
<input type="checkbox"/>		Service Electric Cable TV of Hunterdon	Partial Hunterdon
<input type="checkbox"/>		Cablevision of Raritan Valley	Partial Middlesex, Somerset
<input type="checkbox"/>		Comcast of Central NJ, NJ (Union System)	Partial Middlesex
<input type="checkbox"/>		Comcast of Plainfield	Partial Middlesex, Somerset

	DURATION & FREQUENCY OF OUTREACH	NAMES OF REGIONAL RADIO STATION(S)	BROADCAST AREA AND/OR RACIAL/ETHNIC IDENTIFICATION OF READERS/AUDIENCE
TARGETS ENTIRE HOUSING REGION 3			
AM			
<input type="checkbox"/>		WFAN 660	
<input type="checkbox"/>		WOR 710	
<input type="checkbox"/>		WABC 770	
<input type="checkbox"/>		WCBS 880	
<input type="checkbox"/>		WBBR 1130	
<input type="checkbox"/>		WWTR 1170	
<input type="checkbox"/>		WTTM 1680	Spanish, Asian, etc.
FM			
<input type="checkbox"/>		WFNY-FM 92.3	
<input type="checkbox"/>		WPAT-FM 93.1	Spanish
<input type="checkbox"/>		WNYC-FM 93.9	

<input type="checkbox"/>		WPST 94.5	
<input type="checkbox"/>		WFME 94.7	
<input type="checkbox"/>		WPLJ 95.5	
<input type="checkbox"/>		WQXR-FM 96.3	
<input type="checkbox"/>		WQHT 97.1	
<input type="checkbox"/>		WSKQ-FM 97.9	Spanish
<input type="checkbox"/>		WRKS 98.7	
<input type="checkbox"/>		WAWZ 99.1	Christian
<input type="checkbox"/>		WBAI 99.5	
<input type="checkbox"/>		WPHI-FM 100.3	
<input type="checkbox"/>		WCBS-FM 101.1	
<input type="checkbox"/>		WKXW-FM 101.5	
<input type="checkbox"/>		WQCD 101.9	
<input type="checkbox"/>		WNEW 102.7	
<input type="checkbox"/>		WPRB 103.3	
<input type="checkbox"/>		WKTU 103.5	
<input type="checkbox"/>		WWPR-FM 105.1	
<input type="checkbox"/>		WDAS-FM 105.3	
<input type="checkbox"/>		WLTW 106.7	
TARGETS PARTIAL HOUSING REGION 3			
AM			
<input type="checkbox"/>		WFIL 560	Hunterdon
<input type="checkbox"/>		WIP 610	Hunterdon
<input type="checkbox"/>		WAEB 790	Hunterdon
<input type="checkbox"/>		WCHR 1040	Hunterdon
<input type="checkbox"/>		WGPA 1100	Hunterdon
<input type="checkbox"/>		WEEX 1230	Hunterdon
<input type="checkbox"/>		WKAP 1470	Hunterdon
<input type="checkbox"/>		WRNJ 1510	Hunterdon
<input type="checkbox"/>		WWJZ 640	Hunterdon, Middlesex

<input type="checkbox"/>		WPHY 920	Hunterdon, Middlesex
<input type="checkbox"/>		WPHT 1210	Hunterdon, Middlesex
<input type="checkbox"/>		WBUD 1260	Hunterdon, Middlesex
<input type="checkbox"/>		WMCA 570	Middlesex (Christian)
<input type="checkbox"/>		WIMG 1300	Middlesex
<input type="checkbox"/>		WCTC 1450	Middlesex, Somerset
FM			
<input type="checkbox"/>		WRTI 90.1	Hunterdon
<input type="checkbox"/>		WCVH 90.5	Hunterdon
<input type="checkbox"/>		WHYY-FM 90.9	Hunterdon
<input type="checkbox"/>		WXTU 92.5	Hunterdon
<input type="checkbox"/>		WAEB-FM 104.1	Hunterdon
<input type="checkbox"/>		WFKB 107.5	Hunterdon
<input type="checkbox"/>		WMMR 93.3	Hunterdon, Middlesex
<input type="checkbox"/>		WYSP 94.1	Hunterdon, Middlesex
<input type="checkbox"/>		WBEN-FM 95.7	Hunterdon, Middlesex
<input type="checkbox"/>		WRDW-FM 96.5	Hunterdon, Middlesex
<input type="checkbox"/>		WOGL 98.1	Hunterdon, Middlesex
<input type="checkbox"/>		WUSL 98.9	Hunterdon, Middlesex
<input type="checkbox"/>		WIOQ 102.1	Hunterdon, Middlesex
<input type="checkbox"/>		WMGK 102.9	Hunterdon, Middlesex
<input type="checkbox"/>		WJJZ 106.1	Hunterdon, Middlesex
<input type="checkbox"/>		WKDN 106.9	Hunterdon, Middlesex (Christian)
<input type="checkbox"/>		WAXQ 104.3	Hunterdon, Middlesex, Somerset
<input type="checkbox"/>		WNTI 91.9	Hunterdon, Somerset
<input type="checkbox"/>		WZZO 95.1	Hunterdon, Somerset
<input type="checkbox"/>		WCTO 96.1	Hunterdon, Somerset
<input type="checkbox"/>		WLEV 100.7	Hunterdon, Somerset
<input type="checkbox"/>		WNJT-FM 88.1	Middlesex
<input type="checkbox"/>		WRSU-FM 88.7	Middlesex
<input type="checkbox"/>		WWFM 89.1	Middlesex

<input type="checkbox"/>		WWPH 107.9	Middlesex
<input type="checkbox"/>		WDVR 89.7	Middlesex, Somerset
<input type="checkbox"/>		WVPH 90.3	Middlesex, Somerset
<input type="checkbox"/>		WMGQ 98.3	Middlesex, Somerset
<input type="checkbox"/>		WBLS 107.5	Middlesex, Somerset

3d. Other Publications (such as neighborhood newspapers, religious publications, and organizational newsletters) (Check all that applies)

	NAME OF PUBLICATIONS	OUTREACH AREA	RACIAL/ETHNIC IDENTIFICATION OF READERS/AUDIENCE
TARGETS ENTIRE HOUSING REGION 3			
Weekly			
	Nuestra Comunidad	Central/South Jersey	Spanish-Language
Monthly			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sino Monthly	North Jersey/NYC area	Chinese-American
TARGETS PARTIAL HOUSING REGION 3			
Daily			
<input type="checkbox"/>	24 Horas	Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Passaic, Union Counties	Portuguese-Language
Weekly			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Arab Voice Newspaper	North Jersey/NYC area	Arab-American
<input type="checkbox"/>	Catholic Advocate, The	Essex County area	Catholic
<input type="checkbox"/>	La Voz	Hudson, Union, Middlesex Counties	Cuban community
<input type="checkbox"/>	Amerika Magyar Nepszava (American Hungarian Peoples' Voice)	Central/North Jersey	Hungarian-Language
<input type="checkbox"/>	New Jersey Jewish News	Northern and Central New Jersey	Jewish
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nuestra Comunidad	Central/South Jersey	Spanish-Language
<input type="checkbox"/>	Desi NJ	Central Jersey	South Asian
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ukrainian Weekly	New Jersey	Ukrainian Community

3e. Employer Outreach (names of employers throughout the housing region that can be contacted to post advertisements and distribute flyers regarding available affordable housing) (Check all that applies)

DURATION & FREQUENCY OF OUTREACH	NAME OF EMPLOYER/COMPANY	LOCATION
Hunterdon County		

<input type="checkbox"/>		Merck & Co	1 Merck Dr, Whitehouse Station
<input type="checkbox"/>		Hunterdon Medical Center	2100 Wescott Drive Flemington, NJ 08822
<input type="checkbox"/>		Foster Wheeler	Perryville Corporate Park Clinton, NJ , 08809-4000
<input type="checkbox"/>		ChubbInsurance co.	202 Halls Mill Rd Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889
<input type="checkbox"/>		Exxonmobil Research & Engineering	1545 US Highway 22 E Annandale, NJ 08801
<input type="checkbox"/>		New York Life	110 Cokesbury Rd, Lebanon
Middlesex County			
<input type="checkbox"/>		Bristol-Myers Squibb	1 Squibb Dr, New Brunswick, nj 08901
<input type="checkbox"/>		Merrill Lynch & Company	800 Scudders Mill Rd, Plainsboro
<input type="checkbox"/>		Johnson & Johnson	1 Johnson & Johnson Plaza
<input type="checkbox"/>		Prudential Insurance Company	44 Stelton Rd # 130, Piscataway
<input type="checkbox"/>		Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital	1 Robert Wood Johnson Pl, New Brunswick, NJ 08901
<input type="checkbox"/>		Silverline Building Products	207 Pond Ave Middlesex, NJ 08846
<input type="checkbox"/>		St. Peter's University Hospital	254 Easton Ave, New Brunswick
<input type="checkbox"/>		Telcordia Technology	444 Hoes Ln, Piscataway
<input type="checkbox"/>		J.F.K. Medical Center	65 James Street Edison, NJ 08818
<input type="checkbox"/>		Raritan Bay Medical Center	530 New Brunswick Av Perth Amboy, NJ 08861
<input type="checkbox"/>		Amerada Hess Corporation	405 Main St, Woodbridge and 679 Convery Blvd, Perth Amboy
<input type="checkbox"/>		Dow Jones & Company	54 Eddington LN, Monroe Twp
<input type="checkbox"/>		Siemens AG	755 College Rd E, Princeton
<input type="checkbox"/>		AT&T	1 Highway Ter, Edison
<input type="checkbox"/>		Engelhard Corporation	101 Wood Ave S, Metuchen
Somerset County			
<input type="checkbox"/>		AT&T	1414 Campbell St Rahway
<input type="checkbox"/>		ABC Limousine	574 Ferry St Newark
<input type="checkbox"/>		Bloomberg LP	1350 Liverty Ave Hillside
<input type="checkbox"/>		Courier News	1091 Lousons Road PO Box 271 Union, NJ
<input type="checkbox"/>		Emcore Corp	800 Rahway Ave Union, NJ
<input type="checkbox"/>		Ethicon Inc	1515 West Blancke Street Bldgs 1501 and 1525 Linden, NJ

<input type="checkbox"/>		Fedders Corp	27 Commerce Drive Cranford, nj
<input type="checkbox"/>		ICI Americas Inc.	450 West First Ave Roselle,nj
<input type="checkbox"/>		ITW Electronic Component Packaging	600 Mountain Ave Murray Hill,NJ
<input type="checkbox"/>		Johnson & Johnson	1 Merck Drive PO Box 2000 (RY60-200E) Rahway, NJ
<input type="checkbox"/>		Tekni-Plex Inc.	865 Stone Street Rahway, NJ
		Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics Inc	1401 Park Ave South Linden
<input type="checkbox"/>		Hooper Holmes Inc	170 Mount Airy Rd. Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

3f. Community Contacts (names of community groups/organizations throughout the housing region that can be contacted to post advertisements and distribute flyers regarding available affordable housing)

Name of Group/Organization	Outreach Area	Racial/Ethnic Identification of Readers/Audience	Duration & Frequency of Outreach

IV. APPLICATIONS

Applications for affordable housing for the above units will be available at the following locations:	
4a. County Administration Buildings and/or Libraries for all counties in the housing region (list county building, address, contact person) (Check all that applies)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	BUILDING
<input type="checkbox"/>	LOCATION
<input type="checkbox"/>	Middlesex County Administration Bldg
<input type="checkbox"/>	75 Bayard, New Brunswick, NJ 08903
<input type="checkbox"/>	Somerset County Admin. Bldg
<input type="checkbox"/>	20 Grove Street, Somerville, NJ 08876
<input type="checkbox"/>	Somerset County Library Headquarters
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 Vogt Drive, Bridgewater, NJ 08807
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hunterdon County Library Headquarters
<input type="checkbox"/>	314 State Highway 12, Flemington, NJ 08822
4b. Municipality in which the units are located (list municipal building and municipal library, address, contact person)	
4c. Sales/Rental Office for units (if applicable)	

V. CERTIFICATIONS AND ENDORSEMENTS

I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that knowingly falsifying the information contained herein may affect the (select one: Municipality's substantive certification or DCA Balanced Housing Program funding or HMFA UHORP/MONI/CHOICE funding).

Name (Type or Print)

Title/Municipality

Signature

Date

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK
County of Somerset

RESOLUTION 2026-073

RESOLUTION FOR TEMPORARY EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION

WHEREAS, emergent conditions have arisen with respect to the payment of bills in a number accounts and no adequate provision has been made in a Year 2026 temporary budget for the aforesaid purposes, and

WHEREAS, NJS 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation for the purposes above mentioned, and

WHEREAS, the total temporary emergency resolutions adopted in the Year 2026 for the Borough pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96, PL 1951 (NJS 40A:4-20) including this resolution total **\$7,998,558.84** for the Current Fund;

WHEREAS, the Temporary Budget is thereby amended to \$15,420,335.19, by way of the temporary emergency appropriation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED (not less than two thirds of all members of the Municipal Council of the Borough of Bound Brook, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with the provisions of NJS 40A:4- 20:

1. An emergency temporary appropriation shall be and the same is hereby made for the following purposes:

Current Fund	
Emergency Medical Services – Salaries & Wages	\$200,000.00
Emergency Medical Services – Other Expenses	\$25,000.00
Finance Administration – Salaries & Wages	\$111,738.50
Finance Administration – Other Expenses	\$32,265.62
Buildings & Grounds – Salaries & Wages	\$20,650.00
Police Department – Salaries & Wages	\$850,000.00
Police Department – Other Expenses	\$350,000.00
Parking – Salaries & Wages	\$35,000.00
Emergency Management – Other Expenses	\$10,000.00
Municipal Court – Salaries & Wages	\$172,000.00
Housing Inspections – Salaries & Wages	\$127,480.47
Uniform Construction Code– Salaries & Wages	\$132,750.00
Streets & Roads – Salaries & Wages	\$439,125.00
Planning Board – Salaries & Wages	\$15,737.50
Uniform Construction Code – Other Expenses	\$10,000.00
Housing Inspections – Other Expenses	\$10,000.00
Declared SOE for January 2026 Storm Response & Recovery	\$37,057.68
Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund	\$47,052.84
TOTAL	2,625,857.61

2. That said emergency temporary appropriations will be provided for in the 2026 budget under the appropriate titles.
3. That one certified copy of this resolution will be filed with the Director of Local Government Services.

Attest:

Jasmine D. McCoy, Borough Clerk

Approved:

Mayor Dominic Longo

Date of Adoption: March 10, 2026

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK
County of Somerset

RESOLUTION 2026-074

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN AMENDED HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN FOR THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Fair Housing Act at N.J.S.A. 52:27D-329.2 and the Uniform Housing Affordability Controls at N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et. seq., the Borough is required to adopt a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan (“HEFSP”); and

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2026, Judge William G. Mennen, J.S.C. entered a Consent Order in “In the Matter of the Application of the Borough of Bound Brook, County of Somerset,” Docket No. SOM-L-155-25, directing the Borough to adopt an amended HEFSP addressing the Borough’s Third Round prospective need obligation of forty-five (45) by March 15, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Borough’s previous Planner, Burgis Associates, Inc., has prepared an Amended HEFSP; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bound Brook Planning Board adopted the Amended HEFSP after public hearing on February 26, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Borough deems it in the best interest of the public and in furtherance of its affordable housing obligations to adopt the Amended HEFSP.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bound Brook, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the Amended HEFSP prepared by Burgis Associates, Inc., dated May 28, 2025 and revised January 7, 2026, is hereby adopted. The Amended HEFSP is attached herein.

Attest:

Approved:

Jasmine D. McCoy
Borough Clerk

Mayor Dominic Longo

Date of Adoption: March 10, 2026

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK
COUNTY OF SOMERSET

RESOLUTION 2026-075

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH COMMUNITY GRANTS, PLANNING & HOUSING (CGP&H) AND APPOINTING CGP&H AS ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT FOR ADMINISTERING AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS IN BOUND BROOK

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Fair Housing Act at N.J.S.A. 52:27D-321 and the Uniform Housing Affordability Controls at N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.15, the Borough is required to appoint an Administrative Agent to administer its affordable housing program in accordance with the Fair Housing Act, the Dispute Resolution Program, and the Uniform Affordability Controls; and

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2026, Judge William G. Mennen, J.S.C. entered a Consent Order in “In the Matter of the Application of the Borough of Bound Brook, County of Somerset,” Docket No. SOM-L-155-25, directing the Borough to appoint an Administrative Agent by March 15, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5, permits the award of professional services contracts without public advertisement as defined in N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7 or competitive bidding, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4; and

WHEREAS, the Borough received a proposal from Community Grants, Planning & Housing (“CGP&H”) dated February 27, 2026, to provide the Administrative Agent Services for an amount not to exceed \$13,600.00, as detailed in the contract, unless additional services are authorized by Resolution of the Borough Council; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council believes that it is in the best interest of the Borough to enter into a Contract for Professional Services (“Contract”) with CGP&H to provide Administrative Agent Services in accordance with the terms of that Contract; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council further deems it in the best interest of the Borough to appoint CGP&H as Administrative Agent; and

WHEREAS, certification of availability of funds has been provided by the Chief Financial Officer contingent upon adoption of the 2026 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bound Brook, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Borough Council hereby authorizes the execution of a Professional Services Contract with CGP&H for affordable housing Administrative Agent Services for the affordable housing of the Borough of Bound Brook.

2. This Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a “professional service” under the Local Public Contracts Law, more specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5, which permits such contracts to be awarded without advertising for bids.
3. The Business Entity Disclosure Certification shall be placed on file with the Municipal Clerk.
4. A notice of this action shall be posted on the Borough of Bound Brook’s official legal notices webpage as required by law at <https://boundbrook-nj.org/legal-notice/> following adoption of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bound Brook, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that CGP&H is hereby appointed as the Administrative Agent for the Borough of Bound Brook.

ATTEST

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK

Jasmine D. McCoy
Borough Clerk

Mayor Dominic Longo

Date of Adoption: March 10, 2026

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK
County of Somerset

RESOLUTION 2026-076

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HIRE OF KEVIN JIMENEZ AS FULL-TIME LABORER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the AFSCME Contract, the position was posted and interviews were conducted; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works recommends hiring Kevin Jimenez as a full-time Laborer at an hourly rate of \$22.00; and

WHEREAS, there is a six-month probationary period; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that sufficient funds are available for these positions in the Department of Public Works Salary and Wages appropriation of the current municipal budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bound Brook that Kevin Jimenez be hired as a full-time Laborer with a six-month probationary period at an hourly rate of \$22.00 per the AFSCME Contract, effective March 11, 2026, or the agreed upon hire date.

Attest:

Jasmine D. McCoy, Borough Clerk

Approved:

Mayor Dominic Longo

Date of Adoption: March 10, 2026

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK
County of Somerset

RESOLUTION 2026-077

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF JUDITH BAILEY FROM THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, Judith Bailey has served as a member of the Library Advisory Board of the Borough of Bound Brook; and

WHEREAS, Judith Bailey has submitted her resignation from the Library Advisory Board, effective immediately; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council wish to formally accept her resignation and express their appreciation for her service to the Borough;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bound Brook, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the resignation of Judith Bailey from the Library Advisory Board be and is hereby accepted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council extend their sincere thanks to Judith Bailey for her dedication and service to the residents of the Borough of Bound Brook during her tenure on the Library Advisory Board.

Attest:

Jasmine D. McCoy, Borough Clerk

Approved:

Mayor Dominic Longo

Date of Adoption: March 10, 2026

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK
County of Somerset

RESOLUTION 2026-078

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE READVERTISEMENT AND REBIDDING OF THE SCLSNJ BOUND BROOK LIBRARY ALTERATIONS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bound Brook duly advertised for bids for a contract entitled “2025 SCLSNJ Bound Brook Library Alterations Project” in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the bid opening was held on October 8, 2025, at which time eleven (11) bids were received; and

WHEREAS, two (2) of the lowest bidders withdrew their bid submissions; and

WHEREAS, the remaining bids substantially exceeded the Borough Architect’s pre-bid cost estimate for the project; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2025-459, duly adopted November 25, 2025, by the Borough Council, all bids received for the project were rejected pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2(a) because the bids substantially exceeded the cost estimates; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to proceed with the improvements to the SCLSNJ Bound Brook Library Branch and it is in the best interest of the Borough to revise the bid documents as necessary and re-advertise the project for new bids in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2(d) authorizes a contracting unit to reject all bids if it wants to substantially revise the specifications for the goods or services and readvertise for new bids.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Bound Brook, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the Borough Council hereby authorizes the re-advertisement and rebidding of the contract for the SCLSNJ Bound Brook Library Alterations Project in accordance with the provisions of the Local Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough’s Qualified Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to advertise for and receive new bids for said project in accordance with applicable law.

Attest:

Approved:

Jasmine D. McCoy, Borough Clerk
Date of Adoption: March 10, 2026

Mayor Dominic Longo

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK
County of Somerset

RESOLUTION 2026-079

**RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESIGNATION OF DARIUS FOSTER AS A
PATROL OFFICER FOR THE BOUND BROOK POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, Darius Foster was hired as a Patrol Officer for the Bound Brook Police Department November 2023 by action of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bound Brook; and

WHEREAS, Darius Foster submitted his resignation from the position of Patrol Officer with the Bound Brook Police Department effective March 2, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council wish to formally acknowledge receipt of his resignation and thank him for his service to the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bound Brook, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that the resignation of Darius Foster as Patrol Officer with the Bound Brook Police Department, effective March 2, 2026, is hereby accepted.

Attest:

Jasmine D. McCoy, Borough Clerk

Approved:

Mayor Dominic Longo

Date of Adoption: March 10, 2026

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK
County of Somerset

RESOLUTION 2026-080

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2026-015 AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN SOMERSET COUNTY AND THE BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK FOR RECYCLING SERVICES TO INCLUDE AN ACCOUNT NUMBER

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Bound Brook previously adopted Resolution No. 2026-015 authorizing an Agreement between the County of Somerset and the Borough of Bound Brook for recycling services for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the previously adopted Resolution to include the appropriate account number from which funds shall be expended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bound Brook, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, that Resolution No. 2026-015 authorizing the Agreement between the Borough of Bound Brook and the County of Somerset for recycling services is hereby amended to include the certification of funds by the Chief Financial Officer from Account No. 02-2026-0240-0754-0-00000 and 01-2026-0126-0301-2-00099; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other terms and conditions of Resolution No. 2026-015 shall remain in full force and effect; and

Attest:

Jasmine D. McCoy, Borough Clerk

Approved:

Mayor Dominic Longo

Date of Adoption: March 10, 2026

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK
County of Somerset

RESOLUTION 2026-081

**RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING JASON GIANOTTO AS MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Civil Defense and Disaster Control Act, specifically N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40.1, requires that each municipality establish a Municipal Office of Emergency Management and appoint a Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator shall serve for a three (3) year term, subject to the approval of the New Jersey State Director of Emergency Management, and shall be responsible for the planning, activation, coordination, and conduct of emergency management operations within the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has recommended the reappointment of Jason Gianotto to serve as the Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator for the Borough of Bound Brook; and

WHEREAS, Jason Gianotto shall be required to successfully complete the emergency management training courses mandated by the State of New Jersey within the time period prescribed by law, if not already completed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Bound Brook, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. Jason Gianotto is hereby reappointed as the Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator for the Borough of Bound Brook pursuant to N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40.1.
2. The term of appointment shall be for three (3) years, retroactive to January 1, 2026 and expiring December 31, 2028, subject to the approval of the New Jersey State Director of Emergency Management.
3. A certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Somerset County Office of Emergency Management and the New Jersey State Office of Emergency Management for approval and record.

Attest:

Jasmine D. McCoy, Borough Clerk

Approved:

Mayor Dominic Longo

Date of Adoption: March 10, 2026

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK
County of Somerset

RESOLUTION 2026-082

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DRUNK DRIVING ENFORCEMENT FUND (DDEF)
GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$47,052.84**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bound Brook has been awarded funding in the amount of \$47,052.84 from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety under the Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund (DDEF) program; and

WHEREAS, the Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund is established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-50.8 et seq. and provides funding to municipalities to support overtime enforcement, education, and other initiatives aimed at deterring and prosecuting impaired driving offenses; and

WHEREAS, the award of these funds will assist the Borough in enhancing public safety initiatives and enforcement activities related to driving while intoxicated offenses within the municipality; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bound Brook, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Borough hereby formally accepts the Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund grant in the amount of \$47,052.84 from the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety.
2. The Mayor, Borough Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, and Chief of Police are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate acceptance of this grant and to comply with all program requirements.
3. Upon receipt of official notification of the award, the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to:
 - o Establish the appropriate grant appropriation account for the receipt and expenditure of said funds.
4. The Borough acknowledges that these funds shall be used strictly in accordance with the terms and conditions of the grant award and applicable State laws and regulations.

Attest:

Jasmine D. McCoy, Borough Clerk

Approved:

Mayor Dominic Longo

Date of Adoption: March 10, 2026

BOROUGH OF BOUND BROOK
County of Somerset

RESOLUTION 2026-083

RESOLUTION APPROVING VOUCHERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$571,493.68

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bound Brook, County of Somerset, and State of New Jersey that vouchers are approved for the following funds in the amount of \$ 571,493.68.

<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
CURRENT	\$ 305,607.93
GRANT FUND	\$ 739.48
GENERAL CAPITAL FUND	\$ 139,809.30
GENERAL TRUST FUND	\$ 4,069.21
RECREATION TRUST	\$ 2,595.00
TAX COLLECTOR TRUST	\$ 50,600.00
TAX TITLE LIEN REDEMPTION	\$ 68,072.76
TOTAL	<u>\$ 571,493.68</u>

Approved:

Mayor Dominic Longo

Attest:

Jasmine D. McCoy, Borough Clerk

Date of Adoption: March 10, 2026

- 1 CURRENT
- 2 GRANT FUND
- 3 LOCAL IMP ASSESSMENT

BOROUGH OF BOUND
County of Somerset

RESOLUTION 2026-084

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, NJSA 10:4-12 allows for a public body to go into closed session during a public meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Bound Brook has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss matters which are exempted from the public; and

WHEREAS, the regular meeting of the Borough of Bound Brook will reconvene.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council will go into closed session for the following reasons as outlined in NJSA 10:4-12; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough of Bound Brook hereby declares that the discussion of subject(s) may be made public at a time when the Borough Attorney advises the Borough Council that the disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the Borough or any other entity with respect to said discussion. That time is currently estimated as the time of said matter.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Borough is excluded from the portion of the meeting during which the discussion(s) shall take place and hereby directs the Municipal Clerk to take the appropriate action to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

Reason for Closed Session –Pending Litigation

Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations which the public body is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as lawyer.

Under certain circumstances, if public disclosure of the matter would have a potentially negative impact on the borough's position in the litigation or negotiation, this information may be withheld until such time that the matter is concluded, or the circumstances no longer present a potential impact.

Attest:

Approved:

Jasmine D. McCoy, Borough Clerk

Mayor Dominic Longo

Date of Adoption: March 10, 2026