

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
CALCULATION OF REGIONAL NEED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING
FOR FOURTH ROUND OBLIGATION**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq., the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (“Department”) conducted a calculation of regional need and municipal present and prospective obligations in accordance with the formulas established in sections 6 and 7 of P.L. 2024, c.2; and

WHEREAS, the Department calculated a statewide allocation consisting of a present need of 65,410 and a prospective need of 84,698 for a total of 150,108 affordable housing units; and

WHEREAS, the Department calculated a present need of 409 affordable housing units and prospective need of 660 affordable housing units for West Orange Township, Essex County, State of New Jersey for the fourth round; and

WHEREAS, West Orange Township’s third round obligation consisted of a present need of 305 affordable housing units and a prospective need (Third Round (1999-2025) Obligation, as adjusted through the settlement agreement) of 954 affordable housing units; and

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2020 West Orange Township executed a settlement agreement regarding affordable housing in the matter docketed In re Township of West Orange, docket no. ESX-L-4697-15; and

WHEREAS, the West Orange Township requested and received a vacant land adjustment resulting in a realistic development potential (RDP) of 421 affordable housing units and an unmet need of 533 affordable housing units; and

WHEREAS, West Orange Township continues to lack sufficient resources to address the 660 prospective need and will continue to seek a vacant land adjustment; and

WHEREAS, West Orange Township has reviewed the fourth round of affordable housing obligations, calculations in the report and calculations prepared by the Department; and

WHEREAS, West Orange Township accepts the present need of 409 and the prospective need of 660; and

WHEREAS, the Department has given each municipality until January 1, 2025 to adopt binding municipal resolution accepting their prescribed obligation numbers, or alternatively describe why the numbers provided should be adjusted and what the adjusted number should be; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of West Orange Township, Essex County, State of New Jersey, hereby accepts the Department's calculation consisting of a present need of 409 and the prospective need of 660 for its fourth-round obligation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that West Orange Township will rely on its previous court approved vacant land adjustment towards addressing the fourth-round prospective need of 660; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governing Body of West Orange Township pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq. submits this binding establishing a present need of 409 and the prospective need of 660 for its' fourth-round obligation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be made available in the Clerk's office in accordance with applicable law.

Karen J. Carnevale, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk

Joe Krakoviak, Council President

Adopted: January 28, 2025