

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON IN GLOUCESTER COUNTY
DOCKET NO. GLO-L-908-15**

**NOTICE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMPLIANCE HEARING
REGARDING THE TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON'S AMENDED HOUSING
ELEMENT & FAIR SHARE PLAN AND ASSOCIATED ORDINANCES**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2022 at 9:00 a.m., and as may be continued thereafter, the Honorable Timothy W. Chell, P.J.Cv., will conduct an Amended Compliance Hearing (the "Hearing") in the matter known as In the Matter of the Application of the Township of Harrison In Gloucester County, bearing docket number GLO-L-908-15 (Mount Laurel), at the Superior Court of New Jersey, Gloucester County Courthouse, Courtroom 301, 1 North Broad Street, Woodbury, New Jersey 08096.

NOTE: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the court is operating under modified procedures and physical access to the court has been impacted. As such, pursuant to the March 11, 2022 Order on Fairness Hearing for Amended Settlement Agreement entered by Judge Chell, *the Hearing will be conducted virtually via the Zoom platform. Log-in information will be provided by the court in advance of the hearing.* Further information regarding courtroom procedures and closures is available online at www.njcourts.gov. Parties may contact petitioner's counsel, Kevin A. Van Hise, Esq. at (609) 436-1209 or via email at k.vanhise@mgplaw.com, or may contact the court directly at (856) 878-5050 ext. 15275, within forty-eight (48) hours of the hearing to obtain instructions for viewing and/or participating in the proceedings.

The purpose of the Hearing is for the Court to consider whether the Township of Harrison's ("Township") Amended Housing Element and Fair Share Plan (the "Amended Plan"), implementing ordinances, and supplemental documents satisfy the municipality's Mount Laurel affordable housing obligations pursuant to the Fair Housing Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301, et seq., the substantive, applicable regulations of the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing ("COAH"), the New Jersey Supreme Court's March 10, 2015 decision in the matter of In re Adoption of N.J.A.C. 5:96 & 5:97 by N.J. Council on Affordable Housing, 221 N.J. 1, 35-36 (2015) ("Mount Laurel IV"), and other applicable laws.

The Amended Plan fully addresses the Township's third round affordable housing obligations for the period 1987-2025, which includes a Prior Round Obligation of 198 units, a Present Need / Rehabilitation Share obligation of 0 units, and a Third Round prospective need obligation of 625 units, as established by the Amended Settlement Agreement entered into by and between the Township and Fair Share Housing Center ("FSHC"). The Court conducted a Fairness Hearing on March 11, 2022 and found that the settlement reached in the Action is fair and reasonable to low- and moderate-income households, approved the Amended Settlement Agreement, and required that certain supplementary materials, including adoption of the Amended Plan and implementing ordinances, be done by the Township. The Amended Plan

provides a detailed list of the Township's total affordable housing obligations and all compliance mechanisms that demonstrate the municipality's compliance with those obligations.

The Township seeks an Amended Judgment of Compliance and Repose pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-313 with formal approval of its Amended Plan and implementing ordinances. Such judgment will entitle the Township, among other things, to a period of protection and immunity from any builder's remedy or constitutional compliance lawsuits brought pursuant to the Mount Laurel Doctrine through July 7, 2025.

The Township's Amended Plan is on file with the Municipal Clerk. Copies of the plan, implementing ordinances, and any documents related to this Action may be viewed or obtained at the requestor's expense from the Harrison Township Clerk, Harrison Township Municipal Building, 114 Bridgeton Pike, Mullica Hill, New Jersey 08062, during normal business hours.

Any interested party may seek to appear and be heard at the Hearing to address the Township's Amended Plan, compliance submissions, and offer any comments or objections, provided any such person first files with the Court via e-filing and/or at the above address, its ***comments or objections, in writing, no later than fourteen days prior to the Hearing***, and simultaneously serves and emails such objections or comments upon the following who have entered appearances in the Action:

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This Notice is provided pursuant to directive of the Court and is intended to inform all interested parties of the basic subject matter of the May 20, 2022 Hearing, the Township's request for a final Amended Judgment of Compliance and Repose, and to inform such parties that they are able to comment on the Township's Amended Plan, implementing ordinances and related documents before the Court reviews and evaluates whether to approve them. This Notice does not indicate any view by the Court, the Special Master, or the parties as to the merits of the Action, any of the issues to be addressed and resolved at the Hearing, or whether the Court will ultimately grant the relief sought.

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