

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF EVESHAM  
DOCKET NO. BUR-L-452-14 (MOUNT LAUREL)**

**FAIR SHARE HOUSING CENTER, INC. V. TOWNSHIP OF  
EVESHAM, ET AL  
DOCKET NO. BUR-L-2419-15**

**NOTICE OF A MOUNT LAUREL COMPLIANCE HEARING ON THE  
HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN OF THE TOWNSHIP  
OF EVESHAM, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that on March 31, 2020, beginning at 9:30 a.m., the Honorable Jeanne T. Covert, A.J.S.C., will conduct a "Compliance Hearing" in the matters encaptioned: In the Matter of the Application of the Township of Evesham, Docket No. BUR-L-452-14 (Mount Laurel) and Fair Share Housing Center, Inc. v The Township of Evesham et al, Docket No. BUR-L-2419-15., at the Burlington County Courts Facility located at 49 Rancocas Road, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Courtroom 7C, Mount Holly, New Jersey 08060.

The purpose of the Compliance Hearing is for the Court to determine whether the Township of Evesham's Housing Element and Fair Share Plan (hereinafter "Affordable Housing Plan"), adopted on November 8, 2018 by the Township's Planning Board, and endorsed on November 20, 2019 by the Township Council, satisfies the Township's obligation to provide a realistic opportunity to satisfy the Rehabilitation, Prior Round (1987-1999) and Gap + Prospective Need (1999-2025) components of its "fair share" of the regional need for housing affordable to low and moderate income households pursuant to (i) the Fair Housing Act ("FHA"), N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq.; (ii) applicable substantive regulations of the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing ("COAH"), (iii) the Settlement Agreement entered into between Fair Share Housing Center ("FSHC") and the Township of Evesham, approved by the Court at a properly noticed Fairness Hearing conducted on August 23, 2018, and memorialized by an Order of Fairness and Compliance entered by the Court on August 23, 2018; and (iv) other applicable laws. If the Court determines that the Township has satisfied its obligation to provide a realistic opportunity to satisfy its Rehabilitation, Prior Round and Gap + Prospective Need components of its "fair share", it will enter a Judgment of Compliance and Repose, which will give Evesham protection from all Mount Laurel lawsuits through July 1, 2025.

To facilitate this procedure, the Township has presented to the Court, and placed on file with the Township Clerk, a copy of the Affordable Housing Plan and various other related documents. These documents are available for public inspection at the office of the Township Clerk located at the Evesham Township Municipal Building, 984 Tuckerton Road, Evesham, New Jersey, during normal business hours.

The Affordable Housing Plan and additional documents on file in the Township's Municipal Building describe how the Township will address its "fair share" of the regional need for low and moderate-income housing as established pursuant to the Court-approved Settlement Agreement between the Township of Evesham and FSHC dated August 16, 2018.

The various elements of the Township's Affordable Housing Plan can be summarized as follows:

The Township has the following Fair Share obligations:

- a. A Rehabilitation Obligation initially established at 94, but which, following the completion of a municipal structural conditions survey, is proposed to be reduced to 21.
- b. A Prior Round Obligation (pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:93) of 534.
- c. A Gap + Prospective Need Obligation (1999-2025) of 680.

All interested parties are hereby given an opportunity to appear and be heard at this Compliance Hearing. Objections or comments by any interested party must be submitted in writing ten (10) days before the hearing which is on or before March 14, 2020 with copies of all papers being forwarded by mail or e-mail to:

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This Notice is intended (1) to inform all interested parties of the existence of an Affordable Housing Plan adopted and endorsed by the Township and its Planning Board, and of documents on file that explain the specific manner in which the Township proposes to address its "fair share" of affordable housing; and (2) to explain the consequences of court approval of the Township's Affordable Housing Plan; namely, immunity from any Mount Laurel lawsuits through July 1, 2025. This Notice does not indicate any view by the Court, the Special Master, the Township, or FSHC as to whether the Court will approve the manner in which the Township proposes to satisfy its fair share.

Mary Lou Bergh, RMC  
Township Clerk