IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAINESPORT DOCKET NO. BUR-L-000392-23 (MOUNT LAUREL)

NOTICE OF FAIRNESS HEARING ON PROPOSED <u>MOUNT LAUREL</u> SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT INVOLVING THE TOWNSHIP OF HAINESPORT, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON

NOTICE IS HEREBY PROVIDED that the Township of Hainesport in the County of Burlington in the State of New Jersey is a declaratory judgment petitioner in a Third Round Affordable Housing compliance proceeding that is pending in the Superior Court in Burlington County captioned: In the Application of the Township of Hainesport, a Municipal Corporation of the State of New Jersey, bearing Docket No. BUR-L-000392-23 (Mount Laurel). The Township has entered into a Settlement Agreement with Fair Share Housing Center to facilitate the production of affordable housing in the Third Round which spans for a period of 26 years from 1999 to 2025. A Third Round Compliance Plan Summary is attached to the Agreement as Exhibit A which explains the Township's stipulated Third Round fair share number and how the Township has a rehabilitation and/or indigenous need obligation of 0 units, a prior round obligation pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:93 of 150 units, and a 26-year third round prospective need an expanded present need obligation of 197 units. Four (4) units from the prior round remain to be satisfied.

BE ADVISED that the Honorable Jeanne T. Covert, A.J.S.C. will conduct a **FAIRNESS HEARING** on the Settlement Agreement on **AUGUST 29, 2023** beginning at **2:00 PM** via ZOOM. Any interested person who wishes to participate in the virtual Fairness Hearing should contact Judge Covert's assistant at: <u>elizabeth.piston@njcourts.gov</u> for the Zoom information to address the Settlement Agreement and offer comments or objections, provided that such person first files with the Court at Burlington County Courts Facility, 49 Rancocas Road, P. O. Box

6555, Mount Holly, NJ 08060, written comments and objections no later than August 18, 2023,

and serves by e-mail or otherwise such comments or objections upon the following persons:

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The Settlement Agreement is on file with the Municipal Clerk of the Township at the Hainesport Township Municipal Building, One Hainesport Centre, Hainesport, New Jersey 08036, and is available for public inspection and photocopying during normal business hours.

The purpose of the Hearing is for the Court to determine whether the Settlement Agreement between the Township of Hainesport and Fair Share Housing Center is fair and reasonable to the region's low- and moderate-income households according to the principles set forth in <u>Morris County Fair Housing Council v. Boonton Tp.</u>, 197 N.J. Super. 359 (Law Div. 1984), aff'd o.b., 209 N.J. Super. 108 (App. Div. 1986) and <u>East/West Venture v. Bor. of Fort</u> <u>Lee</u>, 286 N.J. Super. 311 (App. Div. 1996).

This Notice is intended to inform interested parties of the Settlement Agreement and let them know that they will have an opportunity to offer comments and/or objections on the Agreement and the Third Round Compliance Plan Summary that is attached thereto to the Court before it decides whether or not to approve the Agreement and the Compliance Plan Summary. It does not indicate any view by the Court as to the fairness of the Agreement or the adequacy of the Third Round Compliance Plan Summary.

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