

EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED CREEK ROAD RE-ZONING ORDINANCE

The Township Committee has introduced Ordinance 2021-13, re-zoning a piece of property on Creek Road known as Block 104, Lot 1.06, for facilitate the development of 72 +/- affordable housing units on the property. The following are some of the factors that the Township Committee must take into consideration in determining to adopt this Ordinance:

- In New Jersey, every municipality has a constitutional obligation to provide a realistic opportunity for its fair share of the region's affordable housing needs.
- Hainesport Township is in "Region 5", comprised of Burlington, Camden, and Gloucester Counties. Schedule A below shows the income limits for families in order to qualify for "affordable housing."
- Although Hainesport's "Third Round" numerical obligation has not yet been established, two numbers have been suggested by outside authorities: Fair Share Housing Center calculated Hainesport's "share" at 437 units in May 2016. Two years later, following a methodology used by a Trial Court in Mercer County, Econsult Solutions estimated Hainesport's obligation at 185 units.
- The Hainesport Township Committee has not yet defined its obligation, but has been working on a Housing Element & Fair Share Plan ("HE/FSP") that will allow it to meet its Third Round obligation, while remaining consistent with the Township Master Plan.
- If Hainesport does not adopt an HE/FSP of its own design, the Township would be vulnerable to a "Builder's Remedy" lawsuit, where a housing developer could sue the Township, and demand the right to build anywhere between 925 and 2,185 total townhouse, condominium, and apartment units, "setting aside" 20% of

same to be dedicated to affordable housing (e.g., between 185 and 437 affordable units).

- Hainesport Township does not have the infrastructure to support that many new residential units.
- The proposed Creek Road development will include 72 single-family rental units; yet the Township may be able to claim 128 Credits towards its ultimate obligation.
- In other words, even though only 72 new units will actually be built and occupied, they will count for 128 units towards the Township's obligation.
- The proposed developer of the site is a very reputable builder, who has successfully developed similar communities throughout the State of New Jersey.
- The proposed developer is confident, as is the Township's Affordable Housing Planner, that this site meets the Court-required standards for such a development required by N.J.A.C. 5:93-5(b): availability, developability, and suitability.
 - Developer has control of the site through an Agreement of Sale with the owner.
 - The site is within a designation sewer service area and has water available to it through the Mount Holly Sewage Authority as well.
 - The site is approvable for a sufficient area of the site, while preserving the bulk of the property for buffering and wetlands.
 - Although the property is the subject of a private Agreement of Sale between the proposed developer and the owner of the property, the

Township did advance the sum of \$275,000.00 from its Affordable Housing Trust Fund to assist in the purchase of the property.

- The Township's advancement of those funds is essential to the success of the developer to secure "Low-Income Housing Tax Credits", which is a very competitive process for the subsidization and financing of such a community.
 - The \$275,000.00 from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund constitutes a portion of the money which developers and others have paid for the sole purpose of facilitating the Township's Affordable Housing Plan. NO TAXPAYERS' MONIES HAVE BEEN USED TOWARDS THIS PURCHASE.

2021 AFFORDABLE HOUSING REGIONAL INCOME LIMITS BY HOUSEHOLD SIZE

Income limits not officially adopted by the State of New Jersey. Contact your municipality to see if applicable in your jurisdiction. Additional information about AHPNJ income limits is posted on AHPNJ.org

		1 Person	*1.5 Person	2 Person	*3 Person	4 Person	*4.5 Person	5 Person	6 Person	7 Person	8+ Person	Max Increase Rents** Sales***		Regional Asset Limit****
Region 1 Bergen, Hudson, Passaic and Sussex	Median	\$72,846	\$78,050	\$83,253	\$93,659	\$104,066	\$108,229	\$112,391	\$120,717	\$129,042	\$137,367	1.6%	8.46%	\$201,229
	Moderate	\$58,277	\$62,440	\$66,602	\$74,928	\$83,253	\$86,583	\$89,913	\$96,573	\$103,233	\$109,894			
	Low	\$36,423	\$39,025	\$41,626	\$46,830	\$52,033	\$54,114	\$56,196	\$60,358	\$64,521	\$68,684			
	Very Low	\$21,854	\$23,415	\$24,976	\$28,098	\$31,220	\$32,469	\$33,717	\$36,215	\$38,713	\$41,210			
Region 2 Essex, Morris, Union and Warren	Median	\$75,331	\$80,711	\$86,092	\$96,854	\$107,615	\$111,920	\$116,224	\$124,834	\$133,443	\$142,052	1.6%	2.00%	\$206,459
	Moderate	\$60,265	\$64,569	\$68,874	\$77,483	\$86,092	\$89,536	\$92,980	\$99,867	\$106,754	\$113,642			
	Low	\$37,665	\$40,356	\$43,046	\$48,427	\$53,808	\$55,960	\$58,112	\$62,417	\$66,721	\$71,026			
	Very Low	\$22,599	\$24,213	\$25,828	\$29,056	\$32,285	\$33,576	\$34,867	\$37,450	\$40,033	\$42,616			
Region 3 Hunterdon, Middlesex and Somerset	Median	\$86,240	\$92,400	\$98,560	\$110,880	\$123,200	\$128,128	\$133,056	\$142,912	\$152,768	\$162,624	1.6%	3.10%	\$234,592
	Moderate	\$68,992	\$73,920	\$78,848	\$88,704	\$98,560	\$102,502	\$106,445	\$114,330	\$122,214	\$130,099			
	Low	\$43,120	\$46,200	\$49,280	\$55,440	\$61,600	\$64,064	\$66,528	\$71,456	\$76,384	\$81,312			
	Very Low	\$25,872	\$27,720	\$29,568	\$33,264	\$36,960	\$38,438	\$39,917	\$42,874	\$45,830	\$48,787			
Region 4 Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean	Median	\$76,469	\$81,931	\$87,393	\$98,317	\$109,242	\$113,611	\$117,981	\$126,720	\$135,460	\$144,199	1.6%	0.00%	\$205,486
	Moderate	\$61,175	\$65,545	\$69,915	\$78,654	\$87,393	\$90,889	\$94,385	\$101,376	\$108,368	\$115,359			
	Low	\$38,235	\$40,966	\$43,697	\$49,159	\$54,621	\$56,806	\$58,990	\$63,360	\$67,730	\$72,099			
	Very Low	\$22,941	\$24,579	\$26,218	\$29,495	\$32,772	\$34,083	\$35,394	\$38,016	\$40,638	\$43,260			
Region 5 Burlington, Camden and Gloucester	Median	\$67,620	\$72,450	\$77,280	\$86,940	\$96,600	\$100,464	\$104,328	\$112,056	\$119,784	\$127,512	1.6%	0.00%	\$179,028
	Moderate	\$54,096	\$57,960	\$61,824	\$69,552	\$77,280	\$80,371	\$83,462	\$89,645	\$95,827	\$102,010			
	Low	\$33,810	\$36,225	\$38,640	\$43,470	\$48,300	\$50,232	\$52,164	\$56,028	\$59,892	\$63,756			
	Very Low	\$20,286	\$21,735	\$23,184	\$26,082	\$28,980	\$30,139	\$31,298	\$33,617	\$35,935	\$38,254			
Region 6 Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, and Salem	Median	\$57,458	\$61,562	\$65,666	\$73,874	\$82,083	\$85,366	\$88,649	\$95,216	\$101,782	\$108,349	1.6%	0.00%	\$153,730
	Moderate	\$45,966	\$49,250	\$52,533	\$59,100	\$65,666	\$68,293	\$70,919	\$76,173	\$81,426	\$86,679			
	Low	\$28,729	\$30,781	\$32,833	\$36,937	\$41,041	\$42,683	\$44,325	\$47,608	\$50,891	\$54,175			
	Very Low	\$17,237	\$18,469	\$19,700	\$22,162	\$24,625	\$25,610	\$26,595	\$28,565	\$30,535	\$32,505			

Moderate income is between 80 and 50 percent of the median income. Low income is 50 percent or less of median income. Very low income is 30 percent or less of median income.

* These columns are for calculating the pricing for one, two and three bedroom sale and rental units as per N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.4(a).

**This column is used for calculating the pricing for rent increases for units (as previously calculated under N.J.A.C. 5:97-9.3 (Consumer price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Regions by expenditure category and commodity and service group). Landlords who did not increase rents in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 or 2020 because of the lack of authority to do so, may increase rent by up to the applicable combined percentage including 2021 or 9.0% whichever is less in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:97-9.3(c). In no case can rent for any particular apartment be increased more than one time per year.

*** This column is used for calculating the pricing for resale increases for units (as previously calculated under N.J.A.C. 5:97-9.3). The price of owner-occupied low and moderate income units may increase annually based on the percentage increase in the regional median income limit for each housing region. In no event shall the maximum resale price established by the administrative agent be lower than the last recorded purchase price.

Low income tax credit developments may increase based on the low income tax credit regulations.

**** The Regional Asset Limit is used in determining an applicant's eligibility for affordable housing pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.16(b)3.

Note: Since the Regional Income Limits for Regions 4, 5, and 6 in 2020 were higher than the 2021 calculations, the 2020 income limits will remain in force for 2021 (as previously required by N.J.A.C. 5:97-9.2(c)).