

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE TOWNSHIP  
OF HILLSBOROUGH  
DOCKET NO. SOM-L-000900-15 (MOUNT LAUREL)**

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF MOUNT LAUREL COMPLIANCE HEARING FOR THE  
TOWNSHIP OF HILLSBOROUGH, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, STATE OF  
NEW JERSEY RELATED TO THE TOWNSHIP'S OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE  
AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO LOW- AND MODERATE-INCOME  
HOUSEHOLDS**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that on Thursday, December 16, 2021, beginning at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, there will be a Compliance Hearing (hereinafter referred to as the "Hearing") before the Honorable Thomas C. Miller, A.J.S.C. at the Somerset County Courthouse, Superior Court of New Jersey, 20 North Bridge Street, P.O. Box 3000, Somerville, New Jersey 08876-1262, Court Room 301. The Hearing will be held by remote access via Zoom or other electronic platform.

The purpose of the Hearing is for the Court to consider whether the Township's current Housing Element and Fair Share Plan (hereinafter "Affordable Housing Plan") meets the Township's obligation to provide a realistic opportunity to satisfy the Borough's rehabilitation, Prior Round and Third Round "fair share" of the regional need for housing, affordable to low-income and moderate-income households, pursuant to the Mount Laurel decisions and their progeny, 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 (hereinafter referred to as "COAH"), the New Jersey Supreme Court's March 10, 2015 decision in the matter of In re N.J.A.C. 5:96 & N.J.A.C. 5:97, 221 N.J. 1 (2015) and 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 Third Round components of its "fair share," it will enter a Judgment of Compliance and Repose, which will give the Township protection from Mount Laurel lawsuits until July 2, 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 379 South Branch Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844, during normal business hours. Additionally, copies of the documents may be obtained by either emailing Pamela Borek, RMC, Township Clerk at [pborek@hillsborough-nj.org](mailto:pborek@hillsborough-nj.org) or calling the Township Clerk's office at (908) 369-3535 during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, holidays excluded.

Any persons who wish to participate in the hearing, or who wish to be able to access the Zoom proceeding in its "live format" on the date and time referenced above, should provide notice of such an intent of such request by emailing the Court at

[robert.colaneri@njcourts.gov](mailto:robert.colaneri@njcourts.gov) by 4:00 p.m. on December 15, 2021 (the day before the Hearing) so that the interested party can be included in the email list for the remote proceedings that will be broadcast on Zoom.

Objections or comments by any interested person must be filed with the Court at the above address on or before Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at 4:00 p.m., with duplicate copies forwarded by mail and e-mail to the attention of the following:

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This Notice is provided pursuant to directive of the Court and is intended to inform interested parties of the Township's compliance with the Affordable Housing Plan and inform such parties that they are able to comment on said compliance before the Court reviews and evaluates whether to approve the Township's intended compliance. This Notice does not indicate any view by the Court as to the reasonableness or adequacy of the Township's Affordable Housing Plan or whether the Court will approve the Affordable Housing Plan.

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