

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS
DOCKET NO. GLO-L-910-15 (MOUNT LAUREL)

PUBLIC NOTICE OF MOUNT LAUREL COMPLIANCE
HEARING OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on **October 20, 2020** beginning at 10:00 a.m., the Honorable Robert P. Becker, Jr., P.J.Ch., will conduct a virtual Zoom Compliance Hearing in the matter captioned: In the Matter of the Application of the Borough of Woodbury Heights under Docket No. GLO-L-910-15 (Mount Laurel), at the Gloucester County Courthouse located at 1. N. Broad Street, Woodbury, New Jersey 08096. Please note that the courthouse is still closed at this time, and, as such, the hearing will take place via telephone or video zoom conference to be scheduled by the Court. Information about courtroom closings are available at njcourts.gov, and if the court is still closed at that point any interested party should contact the office of Brian D. Lozuke, Esq. at (856)298-4267 or blozuke@mwm-law.com at least 48 hours in advance of the hearing to determine how they can participate.

The purpose of the Compliance Hearing is for the Court to determine whether the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan (hereinafter "Affordable Housing Plan") of the Borough of Woodbury Heights and the mechanisms implementing the Affordable Housing Plan, fulfill the Borough's obligation to provide a realistic opportunity to satisfy the Rehabilitation, Prior Round, and Third Round 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 Borough of Woodbury Heights, approved by the Court at a properly noticed Fairness Hearing on May 22, 2018, and memorialized by an approval order entered by the Court on November 15, 2018 (the "Settlement Agreement"), and (iv) other applicable laws. If the Court determines that the Borough has fulfilled 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 Borough of Woodbury Heights protection from Mount Laurel lawsuits until July 2, 2025.

To facilitate this procedure, the Borough has presented to the Court, and placed on file with the Borough Clerk, a copy of the Affordable Housing Plan and various other related documents. Given the Covid-19 crisis and the Borough's current operating schedule, these documents are available for public inspection by submitting a request through the Borough Clerk at 856-848-2832, during normal business hours. Lastly, you may contact Brian D. Lozuke, Esq. to request a copy of these documents be sent to you and his contact information is also listed below.

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

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 to the Court by no later than **October 2, 2020** with copies of all papers being forwarded by mail or email 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 Borough and of documents on file that explain the specific manner in which the Borough proposes to address its “fair share” of affordable housing; and (2) to explain the consequences of Court approval of the Borough’s Affordable Housing Plan; namely, immunity from and Mount Laurel lawsuits through July 2, 2025. This Notice does not indicate any view by the Court, the Borough, or FSHC as to whether the Court will approve the manner in which the Borough proposes to satisfy its fair share.

Janet Pizzi, Borough Clerk/Administrator
Borough of Woodbury Heights