

RESOLUTION R:228-2024

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONROE, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION IN LITIGATION TO
ADDRESS THE CONSTITUTIONALITY AND/OR VALIDITY OF NEW JERSEY'S
AFFORDABLE HOUSING MANDATES**

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe (Gloucester County) is coordinating litigation or potential litigation to review, challenge and/or declare unconstitutional certain mandates from the State of New Jersey concerning the obligations of municipalities relating to affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, affordable housing can be a benefit to every municipality within the State of New Jersey if such obligation is shared fairly and proportionately among all municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe is seeking additional municipalities to join in such litigation in order to promote the efficiency and effectiveness of same; and

WHEREAS, participation in such litigation would permit each municipality to benefit from any relief awarded by the Court; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Monroe has provided a preliminary cost estimate for such litigation of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for each year of 2024 and 2025 for an estimated commitment from each participating municipality of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the public interest favors participation in such litigation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, that the Township of Monroe (Gloucester County) is hereby authorized to join as a party the above referenced litigation and is hereby authorized to contribute \$10,000.00 in 2024 and another \$10,000.00 in 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to execute such Agreements with Counsel to be selected by the Township of Monroe so as to effectuate participation in such litigation, including but not limited to any Retainer Agreement, Confidentiality Agreement, or such other documents as may be necessary to effectuate participation in said litigation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that participation in such litigation shall not be deemed a rejection of any currently obligation while such litigation is pending.

ADOPTED at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe on July 24, 2024.

TOWNSHIP OF MONROE

CNCL. PRES. CHELSEA VALCOURT

ATTEST:

**Twp. Clerk, Aileen Chiselko, RMC
or Deputy Clerk, Jennifer Harbison, RMC**

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CERTIFICATION OF CLERK

The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, held on the 24th day of July 2024 in the Municipal Complex located at 125 Virginia Avenue, Williamstown, New Jersey.

**Twp. Clerk, Aileen Chiselko, RMC
or Deputy Clerk, Jennifer Harbison, RMC**

ROLL CALL VOTE

	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Cncl. Adams				
Cncl. Fox				
Cncl. Garbowski				
Cncl. Heverly				
Cncl. McKinney				
Cncl. O'Reilly				
Cncl. Pres. Valcourt				
Tally:				