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IN THE MATTER OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF VERONA, a municipal corporation
of the State of New Jersey

Plaintiff/Petitioner.

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
LAW DIVISION - ESSEX COUNTY

CIVIL ACTION
(Mount Laurel)

**VERIFIED COMPLAINT FOR
DECLARATORY JUDGMENT**

Plaintiff/Petitioner, the Township of Verona, a municipal corporation and body politic organized under the laws of the State of New Jersey, with offices located at 600 Bloomfield Avenue in the Township of Verona, County of Essex and State of New Jersey 07044, by way of Verified Complaint for Declaratory Judgment says:

Jurisdiction

1. Jurisdiction is established pursuant to the New Jersey Declaratory Act, N.J.S.A. 2A:16-50, et seq.
2. Jurisdiction is further established as a result of the Supreme Court Decision, In the Matter of the Adoption of N.J.A.C. 5:96 and 5:97 by the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing, 221 N.J. 1 (2015) (the "2015 Case").

Background and Prior Round Obligations

3. In 1975 the Supreme Court of New Jersey in South Burlington County N.A.A.C.P. v. Township of Mount Laurel, 67 N.J. 151 (1975), ruled that the developing municipalities in the State of New Jersey exercising their zoning power, in general, had a constitutional obligation to provide a realistic opportunity for the construction of their fair share of the region's low and moderate income housing needs.

4. In 1983, the Supreme Court refined that constitutional obligation in South Burlington County N.A.A.C.P. v. Township of Mount Laurel, 92 N.J. 158 (1983), to apply to those municipalities having any portion of their boundaries within the growth area as shown on the State Development Guide Plan.

5. In 1985, the New Jersey Legislature adopted, and the Governor signed, the Fair Housing Act ("FHA") N.J.S.A. 52:2D-301 et seq. which transformed the judicial doctrine which became known as the "Mount Laurel doctrine" into a statutory one and provided an alternative administrative process in which municipalities could elect to participate in order to establish a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan ("HEFSP") that would satisfy its constitutional obligation by creating an administrative agency known as the Council on Affordable Housing ("COAH") to develop regulations to define the obligation and implement it.

6. COAH proceeded to adopt regulations for first round obligations applicable from 1987 to 1993 and second round obligations that created a cumulative obligation from 1987 to 1999.

7. In 1992 the Township of Verona prepared and adopted, in accordance with the requirements of the Fair Housing Act as well as the standards and regulations

of the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH), its Affordable Housing and Fair Share Plan. The intent of this plan was to identify any obligations for the provision of low and moderate income housing and, where such obligations exist, to outline a program for addressing the need. Foresight on the part of the township has allowed for the construction of a 159 unit Section 8 project completed in 1981 and financed through the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency. Verona submitted this housing plan and received full credit for that project, the full fair share obligation of Verona is satisfied, including its indigenous need.

8. The February 1995 Housing Element and Fair Share Plan incorporated updated demographic information and reflected changes in COAH's fair share allocation for Verona. The Township's fair share had, in 1987, been determined to be 127 units. However, when new cumulative fair share numbers (1987-1999) were issued by COAH in 1993, Verona's fair share allocation was reduced to 27 units. The 1995 Housing Element and Fair Share Plan continued to claim credits for 159 prior cycle low income senior citizens housing in fulfillment of its fair share obligation.

This plan was submitted to COAH on April 4, 1995. On August 2, 1995 COAH granted Verona's petition for Substantive Certification awarding credits of the 159 unit senior citizens low income section 8 rental housing development. This project was deemed to have satisfactorily addressed the entire 1987 to 1999 fair share obligation. (Cumulative Rounds One and Two)"

Third Round Obligation

9. COAH first proposed third round substantive and procedural rules in October, 2003. 35 N.J.R. 4636(a); 35 N.J.R. 4700(a).

10. Those rules remained un-adopted and COAH re-proposed both the substantive and procedural third round rules (N.J.A.C. 5:94 and 5:95) in August of 2004 and adopted the same effective on December 20, 2004. (the "2004 Regulations")

11. In 2005, the Township of Verona Adopted a Fair Share Plan and Housing Element to address its third round obligation."

12. The 2004 Regulations were challenged and on January 25, 2007, the Appellate Division invalidated various aspects of those regulations and remanded considerable portions of the rules to COAH with direction to adopt revised rules. In the Matter of the Adoption of N.J.A.C. 5:94 and 5:95 by the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing, 390 N.J. Super. 1 (App. Div.), certif. denied, 192 N.J. 72 (2007) (the "2007 Case").

13. On January 22, 2008, COAH proposed and published revised third round regulations in the New Jersey Register. 40 N.J.R. 237.

14. On May 6, 2008, COAH adopted the revised third round regulations and advised that the new regulations would be published in the June 2, 2008 New Jersey Register, thereby becoming effective.

15. On May 6, 2008, COAH simultaneously proposed amendments to the revised third round rules it had just adopted. Those amendments were published in the June 16, 2008 New Jersey Register, 40 N.J.R. 3373 (Procedural N.J.A.C. 5:96); 40 N.J.R. 3374 (Substantive N.J.A.C. 5:97). The amendments were adopted on September 22, 2008 and made effective on October 20, 2008.

16. On Thursday, December 18, 2008 the Township of Verona Planning Board held a public hearing pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-10 of the Municipal Land Use Law to

hear public comment and to consider the amendment to the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan of the Township's Master Plan. After public comment, the Planning Board adopted amendments to the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan. This housing element, COAH completed application, resolution adopting the housing element, the most recent zoning ordinance, and developers fee ordinance were all send to COAH on December 24, 2008 in compliance with COAHs regulations."

18. In June of 2012 Verona submitted to COAH modifications to its spending plan." and Verona continues to monitor its affordable housing trust funds in accordance with COAH regulations.

The Transfer of Jurisdiction to the Courts

19. N.J.A.C. 5:96 and 5:97 as adopted in 2008 were challenged in an appeal entitled In the Matter of the Adoption of N.J.A.C. 5:96 and 5:97 by the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing, 416 N.J.Super. 462 (App. Div. 2010) (the "2010 Case"). In its October 8, 2010 decision, the Appellate Division determined, among other things, that the growth share methodology was invalid and that COAH should adopt regulations utilizing methodologies similar to the ones utilized in the first and second rounds, i.e. 1987-1999.

20. On September 26, 2013, the Supreme Court of New Jersey affirmed the Appellate Division's invalidation of the third iteration of the third round regulations, sustained their determination that the growth share methodology was invalid, and directed COAH to adopt new regulations based upon the methodology utilized in the first and second rounds. In the Matter of the Adoption of N.J.A.C. 5:96 and 5:97 by the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing, 215 N.J. 578 (2013) (the "2013 Case").

21 COAH proceeded to propose such regulations in accordance with the schedule and amended schedule established by the New Jersey Supreme Court in the 2013 Case.

22. On October 20, 2014, COAH deadlocked with a 3-3 vote and failed to adopt the revised third round regulations.

23. Due to COAH's failure to adopt the revised regulations and subsequent inaction, Fair Share Housing Center ("FSHC"), a party in the 2010 Case and the 2013 Case, filed a motion with the New Jersey Supreme Court to enforce litigant's rights.

24. On March 10, 2015 the New Jersey Supreme Court issued its decision on FSHC's motion to enforce litigant's rights. The Supreme Court in the 2015 Case found that the COAH administrative process had become non-functioning and, as a result, returned primary jurisdiction over affordable housing matters to the trial courts. In the Matter of the Adoption of N.J.A.C. 5:96 and 5:97 by the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing, 221 N.J. (2015) (the "2015 Case").

25. In doing so, the Supreme Court established a transitional process for municipalities, like the Township of Verona, that participated in the administrative process before COAH to file a declaratory judgment action with the trial courts seeking to declare their HEFSPs as being constitutionally compliant and seeking similar protections to those that the participating municipalities would have received if they had continued to proceed before COAH.

26. In explaining the transitional process contemplated, the Supreme Court equated these "Participating "Municipalities" to those municipalities in 1985 that had sought to transfer jurisdiction from the Court to the newly created COAH and switch

the forum from a judicial one to an administrative one under N.J.S.A. 52:27D-316.

27. While the Supreme Court in the 2015 Case declined to adopt a specific methodology or formula to calculate the third round affordable housing obligations of the municipalities and instead left that determination to the 15 Mount Laurel Judges (one in each vicinage), it did provide some guidance by reiterating its endorsement of the previous methodologies employed in the First and Second Round Rules as the template to establish third round affordable housing obligations, and as abovementioned, by treating Participating Municipalities filing Declaratory Judgment actions in the same way that the 1985 FHA when originally enacted on July 2, 1985 treated municipalities transitioning from the judicial to the administrative process.

28. In light of the decisions in the 2013 Case and the 2015 Case, the Township of Verona and its Planner are currently in the process of preparing a revised HEFSP that will verify full compliance of the Township of Verona with its constitutional affordable housing obligations.

COUNT ONE

(DECLARATORY RELIEF, CONSTITUTIONAL COMPLIANCE)

29. The Township of Verona repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth in Paragraphs 1-28 of this Verified Complaint as if set forth herein at length.

30. Pursuant to the Declaratory Judgments Act, N.J.S.A. 2A:16-50 et seq., and the 2015 Case, the Township of Verona has a right to a declaratory judgment verifying and confirming the Township of Verona's full compliance with its constitutional affordable housing obligations

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff/Petitioner, the Township of Verona respectfully seeks that the Court grant the following relief:

- a. An Order exercising jurisdiction over the compliance by the Township of Verona with its constitutional affordable housing obligations; and
- b. An Order declaring that the Township of Verona has fully discharged its constitutional affordable housing obligations and is granted protection and repose against exclusionary zoning litigation.
- c. A Judgment of Compliance and Repose for a period of ten (10) years from its date of entry.
- d. An Order granting such additional relief as the Court deems equitable and just.

COUNT TWO

(FIVE MONTHS TO PREPARE HEFSP)

31. The Township of Verona repeats and realleges each and every allegation as set forth in Paragraphs 1-31 as if set forth herein at length.

32. In the 2015 Case, the Supreme Court equated participating municipalities who file Declaratory Judgment actions such as the instant one to those municipalities who were involved in litigated matters in 1985 when the Fair Housing Act was adopted and successfully transferred their litigated cases to COAH and were entitled under N.J.S.A. 52:27D-316 to a five month period from the date of transfer **or** the date of the promulgation of criteria and guidelines by COAH, **whichever occurred later** to prepare its HEFSP.

33. The Supreme Court in the 2013 Case and in the 2015 Case declined to

establish a specific methodology or formula to calculate third round affordable housing obligations of the municipalities and instead left that determination to the 15 Mount Laurel Judges (one in each vicinage), directing that the methodology or formula established should be similar to that employed in the first and second round rules.

34. As a result of the Supreme Court's actions in the 2013 Case and the 2015 Case, there are insufficient criteria and guidelines established by the Court at this time for the Township of Verona to prepare a compliant HEFSP which this Court could evaluate to determine its constitutional compliance.

35. In the 2015 Case, the Supreme Court afforded wide discretion to the 15 Mount Laurel Judges in addressing these Declaratory Judgment actions and enabled the trial judges specifically to grant municipalities a five month period within which to prepare a compliant HEFSP in accordance with the approved methodology and formula established by said trial judges.

36. By equating these Participating Municipalities to those municipalities who in 1985 transferred their litigated cases from the Court to COAH, and then had a five (5) month period from the date of transfer **or** the date that guidelines and regulations were adopted by COAH, whichever was later, the Township of Verona is entitled to the opportunity to prepare and adopt a HEFSP within five (5) months from the date that the Court establishes the methodology and formula which will quantify the affordable housing obligation of the Township of Verona and allow for the preparation and adoption of a constitutionally compliant HEFSP

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff/Petitioner, the Township of Verona respectfully seeks that the Court grant the following relief:

a. An Order granting the Township of Verona a five month period from the date that a methodology or formula is established by this Court, or otherwise, to prepare a constitutionally compliant HEFSP that incorporates the formula and methodology approved by this trial court or otherwise.

b. An Order granting such additional relief as the Court deems equitable and just.

COUNT THREE

(REQUEST FOR IMMUNITY)

36. The Township of Verona repeats and realleges each and every allegation as set forth in Paragraphs 1-35 as if set forth herein at length

37. In the 2015 Case, the Supreme Court afforded Participating Municipalities who filed Declaratory Judgment actions seeking to verify and confirm their constitutional compliance with their affordable housing obligations, the right to seek temporary immunity from third party lawsuits while pursuing these Declaratory Judgment actions and the development of compliant HEFSP's.

38. The Township of Verona by virtue of the filing of the within action is eligible to seek and obtain immunity from third party lawsuits while pursuing their Declaratory Judgment action pursuant to the 2015 Case.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff/Petitioner, the Township of Verona respectfully seeks that the Court grant the following relief:

a. An Order granting temporary immunity from third party lawsuits against the Township of Verona from the date of the filing of the instant Declaratory Judgment action until this Court issues a Final Judgment of

Compliance and Repose to the Township of Verona for its HEFSP formulated, adopted and approved in accordance with the applicable formula and methodology established by this Court.

b. An Order granting such additional relief as the Court deems equitable and just.

COUNT FOUR

(JURISDICTION OVER UNAPPROVED SPENDING PLAN)

39. Township of Verona repeats and realleges each and every allegation as set forth in Paragraphs 1-38 as if set forth herein at length.

40. On April 9, 2015 the Appellate Division issued a Decision divesting COAH of jurisdiction to administratively affect a forfeiture of Affordable Housing Trust Funds not spent or committed in accordance with the requirements of the FHA and enjoining COAH from taking any such administrative action. In re: Failure of Council on Affordable Housing to Adopt Trust Fund Commitment Regulations, 2015 WL 1582908 (App. Div. 2015) (the "Trust Fund Case").

41. In the Trust Fund Case the Appellate Division further transferred jurisdiction over such actions and matters to the 15 Mount Laurel Judges designated to hear the Declaratory Judgment Actions regarding compliance with affordable housing obligations as set forth in the 2015 Case.

42. On information and belief, COAH has taken the position that it no longer has jurisdiction to approve Spending Plans that are pending before it.

43. The Township of Verona has a Spending Plan that has not been approved pending before COAH and without COAH's approval and authorization is prevented

from expending Affordable Housing Trust Funds to advance the purposes of affordable housing in the municipality.

44. In light of COAH's inaction on its Spending Plan, the Township of Verona seeks to have this Court, in conjunction with processing the instant Declaratory Judgment action, approve the Spending Plan of the Township of Verona that has been pending before COAH and further, to assume jurisdiction over any amendment to said Spending Plan once approved in order to give the Township of Verona the ability to properly utilize and expend Affordable Housing Trust Funds collected for the purposes of advancing and satisfying its affordable housing obligation.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff/Petitioner, the Township of Verona respectfully seeks that the Court grant the following relief:

- a. An Order approving the Spending Plan of the Township of Verona heretofore pending before COAH.
- b. An Order continuing the jurisdiction of this Court to consider and approve any amendments to the Approved Spending Plan.
- c. An Order granting such additional relief as the Court deems equitable and just.

COUNT FIVE

(AMENDMENTS TO APPROVED SPENDING PLANS)

45. The Plaintiff/Petitioner, Township of Verona repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth in Paragraphs 1-44 of the Verified Complaint as if set forth herein at length.

46. The Township of Verona has a Spending Plan that has not been approved

pending before COAH and without COAH's approval and authorization is prevented from expending Affordable Housing Trust Funds to advance the purposes of affordable housing in the municipality.

47. As a result of the 2015 Trust Fund Case, and on information and belief, COAH has been divested of, and/or has relinquished jurisdiction over approval of any amendments to any Spending Plan of the Township of Verona.

48. It is anticipated that as part of the mechanism to satisfy the affordable housing obligations of the Township of Verona, as determined by this Court, an amendment to the Spending Plan previously approved by COAH will be required.

49. The Township of Verona desires that this Court assume jurisdiction to approve any such amendment to the Spending Plan of the Township of Verona in order to effectuate and implement its HEFSP approved by this Court and any future amendments pending any reversion of jurisdiction to COAH, so as to allow the Township of Verona the ability to utilize and expend its Affordable Housing Trust Funds to advance its affordable housing plans and satisfy its affordable housing obligation.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff/Petitioner, the Township of Verona respectfully seeks that the Court grant the following relief:

- a. An Order that this Court assume and assert jurisdiction for the approval of any amendment to the Spending Plan previously approved by COAH in the same manner as COAH would have considered and approved such amendments.

b. An Order granting such additional relief as the Court deems equitable and just.

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MICHAEL GANNAIO, ESQ.

DESIGNATION OF TRIAL COUNSEL

Pursuant to R. 4:25-4, notice is hereby given that Michael Gannaio Esq., Attorney for the Plaintiff/Petitioner, the Township of Verona is designated as trial counsel in the above captioned matter.

GIBLIN & GANNAIO
Attorney for Plaintiff/Petitioner,
Township of Verona



MICHAEL GANNAIO, ESQ.

Dated: July 21, 2015

CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO R. 4:5-1

Pursuant to R.4:5-1, I hereby certify that the matter in controversy is not the subject matter of any other action pending in any Court or of a pending arbitration or administrative proceeding, and that no other action or arbitration or administrative proceeding is contemplated, except that Plaintiff has previously submitted a Petition for Substantive Certification to the New Jersey Council on Affordable House, who, as a result of the 2015 Case, has been divested of jurisdiction which has been assumed by this Court as a result of the filing of the within Declaratory Judgment action.

I hereby certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

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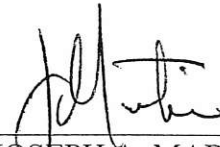
MICHAEL GANNAIO, ESQ.

Dated: *July 15, 2015*

VERIFICATION

I hereby verify that I have read the foregoing verified complaint and that the allegations contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment for contempt of court.

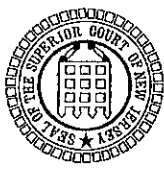

TOWNSHIP OF VERONA



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Dated:

Appendix XII-B1

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DO YOU ANTICIPATE ADDING ANY PARTIES (arising out of same transaction or occurrence)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		NAME OF DEFENDANT'S PRIMARY INSURANCE COMPANY (if known) <input type="checkbox"/> NONE <input type="checkbox"/> UNKNOWN		
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ATTORNEY SIGNATURE: <i>Michael Gannaio</i>				



CIVIL CASE INFORMATION STATEMENT (CIS)

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CASE TYPES (Choose one and enter number of case type in appropriate space on the reverse side.)

Track I - 150 days' discovery

- 151 NAME CHANGE
- 175 FORFEITURE
- 302 TENANCY
- 399 REAL PROPERTY (other than Tenancy, Contract, Condemnation, Complex Commercial or Construction)
- 502 BOOK ACCOUNT (debt collection matters only)
- 505 OTHER INSURANCE CLAIM (including declaratory judgment actions)
- 506 PIP COVERAGE
- 510 UM or UIM CLAIM (coverage issues only)
- 511 ACTION ON NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENT
- 512 LEMON LAW
- 801 SUMMARY ACTION
- 802 OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS ACT (summary action)
- 999 OTHER (briefly describe nature of action)

Track II - 300 days' discovery

- 305 CONSTRUCTION
- 509 EMPLOYMENT (other than CEPA or LAD)
- 599 CONTRACT/COMMERCIAL TRANSACTION
- 603N AUTO NEGLIGENCE – PERSONAL INJURY (non-verbal threshold)
- 603Y AUTO NEGLIGENCE – PERSONAL INJURY (verbal threshold)
- 605 PERSONAL INJURY
- 610 AUTO NEGLIGENCE – PROPERTY DAMAGE
- 621 UM or UIM CLAIM (includes bodily injury)
- 699 TORT – OTHER

Track III - 450 days' discovery

- 005 CIVIL RIGHTS
- 301 CONDEMNATION
- 602 ASSAULT AND BATTERY
- 604 MEDICAL MALPRACTICE
- 606 PRODUCT LIABILITY
- 607 PROFESSIONAL MALPRACTICE
- 608 TOXIC TORT
- 609 DEFAMATION
- 616 WHISTLEBLOWER / CONSCIENTIOUS EMPLOYEE PROTECTION ACT (CEPA) CASES
- 617 INVERSE CONDEMNATION
- 618 LAW AGAINST DISCRIMINATION (LAD) CASES

Track IV - Active Case Management by Individual Judge / 450 days' discovery

- 156 ENVIRONMENTAL/ENVIRONMENTAL COVERAGE LITIGATION
- 303 MT. LAUREL
- 508 COMPLEX COMMERCIAL
- 513 COMPLEX CONSTRUCTION
- 514 INSURANCE FRAUD
- 620 FALSE CLAIMS ACT
- 701 ACTIONS IN LIEU OF PREROGATIVE WRITS

Centrally Managed Litigation (Track IV)

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| 280 ZELNORM | 290 POMPTON LAKES ENVIRONMENTAL LITIGATION |
| 285 STRYKER TRIDENT HIP IMPLANTS | 291 PELVIC MESH/GYNECARE |
| 288 PRUDENTIAL TORT LITIGATION | 292 PELVIC MESH/BARD |
| 289 REGLAN | 293 DEPUY ASR HIP IMPLANT LITIGATION |

Mass Tort (Track IV)

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| 248 CIBA GEIGY | 281 BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB ENVIRONMENTAL |
| 266 HORMONE REPLACEMENT THERAPY (HRT) | 282 FOSAMAX |
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| 274 RISPERDAL/SEROQUEL/ZYPREXA | 286 LEVAQUIN |
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