SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ELMWOOD PARK MAYOR AND COUNCIL June 26, 2025 6:00P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

2. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE:

Whereas, Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of the State of New Jersey requires at the commencement of every meeting a Statement of Compliance be read by the presiding officer.

Now, Therefore Be Advised, that the meeting requirements for this meeting have been met by publishing a special meeting notice in The Record and Herald News and by posting such notice in the office of the Borough Clerk as well as in a public place within the Municipal Building, and by notifying interested citizens. Said notice was posted and transmitted on June 23, 2025 and published on June 26, 2025.

3. DISCUSSION – DAN HAUBEN, PP, AICP & KENNETH A. PORRO, ESQ. ELMWOOD PARK FOURTH ROUND AFFORDABLE HOUSING SPENDING PLAN

4. **RESOLUTIONS:**

| R-217-25 | Resolution Adopting the Fourth Round Fair Share Plan With |
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| | Commitment for Shortfall Affordable Housing Funding |
| R-218-25 | Appointment of Recreation Staff for the 2025 Summer Program |
| | Recreation Department |

5. PUBLIC HEARING:

6. ADJOURNMENT:

BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY RESOLUTION R-217-25

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION BY: SECONDED BY:

<u>RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FOURTH ROUND FAIR SHARE PLAN WITH</u> <u>COMMITMENT FOR SHORTFALL AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUNDING</u>

WHEREAS, the Borough of Elmwood Park (hereinafter the "Borough") has a demonstrated history of voluntary compliance as evidenced in its Third Round record; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to <u>N.J.A.C</u>. 5:96 and 5:97, 221 <u>N.J</u>. 1 (2015) (Mount Laurel IV), the Borough filed a Declaratory Judgment Complaint in the Superior Court, Law Division, seeking, among other things, a judicial declaration that its Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, to be amended as necessary, satisfied its "fair share," of the regional need for low and moderate housing pursuant to the "<u>Mount Laurel</u> doctrine," and

WHEREAS, that culminated in a Court-approved Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan and a Final Judgment of Compliance and Repose in 2016 which precludes all Mount Laurel lawsuits including builder's remedy lawsuits, until July 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Borough continues to incorporate and implement its Court approved Third Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2024, Governor Murphy signed into law P.L. 2024, c.2. which amended the 1985 Fair Share Housing Act (hereinafter the "Amended FHA") which, among other things, designated the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) to establish initial nonbinding present and prospective need affordable housing obligation numbers for most municipalities, including the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Borough disputed the prospective need obligation proposed by the DCA formulation of 145 units and opined that its prospective need obligation is 154 units; and

WHEREAS, the Borough adopted a binding Resolution that its Fourth Round obligation included a present need obligation of 154 units and a prospective obligation of 145; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Amended FHA in the Administrative Office of the Courts Directive #14-24, the Borough filed a timely Fourth Round Declaratory Judgment Complaint ("DJ Complaint") with the Affordable Housing Dispute Resolution Program (the "Program") on January 29, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on May 16, 2025 an Order was entered by The Honorable Greg A. Padovano, J.S.C. indicating that pursuant to the DCA's Fourth Round Report, the present need obligation of the Petitioner has been calculated and reported 154 affordable units, and its prospective need obligation of the Petitioner has been calculated and reported as 145 affordable units, and which calculations have been deemed presumptively valid for purposes of the FHA; and

WHEREAS, the Borough authorized the preparation of a Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan to be prepared by the Borough Planner, DMR Architects, Daniel Hauben, PP/AICP; and

WHEREAS, upon notice duly provided pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A</u>. 40:55D-13 that the Planning Board of the Borough held a public hearing on the Fourth Round Housing Element and Preliminary Fair Share Plan on June 11, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board determined after hearing testimony from its Planner, attorney and the public that the attached Fourth Round Housing Element and Preliminary Fair Share Plan is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Borough's current Master Plan and that the adoption and implementation of the Fourth Round Housing Element and the related Preliminary Fair Share Plan is in the public interest and protects the public health, safety and promotes the general welfare and thereby it was adopted; and

WHEREAS, on the 12^h day of June 2025, the Mayor & Council endorsed the Fourth Round Housing Element and Preliminary Fair Share Plan; and

WHEREAS, on the 26th day of June, 2025, the Borough of Elmwood Park Mayor & Counsel reviewed, updated and approved the Borough's updated Fair Share Plan with commitment for shortfall affordable housing trust funding and Demographic Analysis; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 26th day of June 2025, that the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, hereby adopt the updated Fourth Round Fair Share Plan along with a commitment for shortfall affordable housing funding and Demographic Analysis.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

I, Roy Riggitano, Chief Financial Officer for the Borough of Elmwood Park do hereby confirm that there are sufficient funds available for this resolution.

Roy Riggitano, Chief Financial Officer

June 25, 2025 Dated

APPROVED: June 26, 2025

Robert Colletti, Mayor

ATTEST: _____ Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR Borough Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

| | AYE | NAY | Abstain | Absent | | AYE | NAY | Abstain | Absent |
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| Fasolo | | | | | Sheridan | | | | |
| Golabek | | | | | Troisi | | | | |
| Saimson | | | | | Pellegrine | | | | |
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This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park at a regular scheduled meeting held on the 26th day of June 2025. Signed and sealed before me.

Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR Borough Clerk Dated

BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY RESOLUTION R-218-25

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION BY: SECONDED BY:

APPOINTMENT OF RECREATION STAFF FOR THE 2025 SUMMER PROGRAM RECREATION DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Recreation Department is conducting the Summer Care Program; and

WHEREAS, it was recommended by the Recreation Director that the following individuals be hired for said program contingent of completion of Recreation requirements at the rates and titles stated below:

| Aguiar, Catherine | COUNSELOR | \$3,028.20 | | | |
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| Alicea, Jacklyn | COUNSELOR | \$3,028.20 | | | |
| Alvarado, Layla | COUNSELOR | \$3,028.20 | | | |
| Aspras, Thanasis | COUNSELOR | \$3,028.20 | | | |
| Brizek, Alexandra | COUNSELOR | \$3,028.20 | | | |
| Brown, River | COUNSELOR | \$3,028.20 | | | |
| Caminero-Diaz, Kyle | COUNSELOR | \$3,028.20 | | | |
| Collado, Emily | COUNSELOR | \$3,028.20 | | | |
| Cruz, Eleni | COUNSELOR | \$3,028.20 | | | |
| Delgado, Tyler | COUNSELOR | \$3,028.20 | | | |
| Escobar, Robert | COUNSELOR | \$3,028.20 | | | |
| Garcia, Adonis | COUNSELOR | \$3,028.20 | | | |
| Garcia, Javier | COUNSELOR | \$3,028.20 | | | |
| Hernandez, Diana | COUNSELOR | \$3,028.20 | | | |
| Jemmott, Mya | COUNSELOR | \$3,028.20 | | | |
| Mercedes, Cynthia | COUNSELOR | \$3,028.20 | | | |
| McKenna, Andrew | COUNSELOR | \$3,028.20 | | | |
| Mora, Lucas | COUNSELOR | \$3,028.20 | | | |
| Negron, Noah | COUNSELOR | \$3,028.20 | | | |
| Rahill, Ashley | COUNSELOR | \$3,028.20 | | | |
| Rahill, Kayla | COUNSELOR | \$3,028.20 | | | |
| Riotto Jr, Richard | COUNSELOR | \$3,028.20 | | | |
| Ruiz, Destiny | COUNSELOR | \$3,028.20 | | | |
| Santillan, Madison | COUNSELOR | \$3,028.20 | | | |
| Scarpulla, Isabella | COUNSELOR | \$3,028.20 | | | |
| Simpson, Darreyle | COUNSELOR | \$3,028.20 | | | |
| Thomas, Cameron | COUNSELOR | \$3,028.20 | | | |
| Todmann, Darion | COUNSELOR | \$3,028.20 | | | |
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park that the above-named individual be and are hereby appointed for the 2025 Summer Care Program at the rates and titles stated above, effective June 30, 2025.

I, Roy Riggitano, Chief Financial Officer for the Borough of Elmwood Park do hereby confirm that there are sufficient funds available for this resolution.

Roy Riggitano, Chief Financial Officer

June 25, 2025 Dated

APPROVED: June 26, 2025

Robert Colletti, Mayor

ATTEST: _____ Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR Borough Clerk

Record of Council Vote on Passage

| | AYE | NAY | Abstain | Absent | | AYE | NAY | Abstain | Absent |
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| Fasolo | | | | | Sheridan | | | | |
| Golabek | | | | | Troisi | | | | |
| Saimson | | | | | Pellegrine | | | | |
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This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park at a regular scheduled meeting held on the 26th day of June 2025. Signed and sealed before me.

Shanee Morris, RMC, CMR Borough Clerk Dated