

BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
PLANNING BOARD

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to NJSA 40:55D-13 of the Municipal Land Use Law (MLUL), on Monday, March 2nd, 2026, the Planning Board of the Borough of Watchung in the County of Somerset held a Special Meeting to review several ordinances relating to the 4th Round Housing Element and Fair Share Housing Plan (HEFSP), which amended the Borough's Master Plan, adding new overlay zones for affordable housing. The board took action to memorialize the resolutions that outlined the new zones.

The Planning Board took action to adopt the Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan February 17th, 2026 which was prepared in accordance with NJSA 40:55D-28(b)(3) of MLUL mandatory requirements of a Housing Element under the recently amended NJ Fair Housing Act, relevant regulations of the NJ Council on Affordable Housing (COAH), and the Administrative Office of the Courts Directive #14-24. The Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan also delineates the actions taken, and to be taken, by the Borough to create a 'realistic opportunity' to satisfy its fair share of the regional need for affordable housing. The 2025 HEFSP, an element of the Borough's Master Plan, describes how the Borough will meet its fourth-round affordable housing obligation through various compliance mechanisms.

The revised plan and ordinances can be viewed at Borough Hall, 15 Mountain Blvd, or emailing the boardclerk@watchungnj.gov attention to Planning Board Clerk and is available for public inspection M-F 8am-2pm.

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Catherine Furlan, Board Clerk

cc: Emailed to The Courier News 3/03/2026