

**TOWNSHIP OF LAWRENCE, COUNTY OF MERCER**  
**NOTICE OF MIDPOINT REALISTIC OPPORTUNITY REVIEW**

**Docket Number: MER-L-1538-15**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Township of Lawrence, County of Mercer, posted its Midpoint Review Report on its municipal website at [www.lawrencetwp.com](http://www.lawrencetwp.com) with a copy of the Report provided to Fair Share Housing Center (“FSHC”) and to the Intervenors in the Township’s Declaratory Judgment Action at Docket No MER-L-1538-15.

The requirement for a midpoint realistic opportunity review derives from the Fair Housing Act at N.J.S.A. 52:27D-313 and the purpose and process is set forth in Lawrence’s Court-approved Settlement Agreement with FSHC. The purpose of the midpoint realistic opportunity review is for Lawrence to provide a status report as to the Township’s implementation of its Plan and an analysis of whether any unbuilt sites or unfulfilled mechanisms continue to present a realistic opportunity.

Any interested party may submit comments to the Township of Lawrence, with a copy to FSHC and Brandywine Operating Partnership, LP, regarding whether any sites no longer present a realistic opportunity and should be replaced and whether any mechanisms to meet unmet need should be revised or supplemented. Comments shall be submitted in writing no later than August 7, 2020. Any interested party may by motion request a hearing before the Court regarding these issues. In the event the Court determines that a site or mechanism no longer presents a realistic opportunity and should be replaced or supplemented, then the Township of Lawrence shall have the opportunity to supplement or revise its plan to correct any deficiency.

To facilitate this process, Lawrence has also placed on file with the Township Clerk a copy of the Midpoint Review Report. This Report will be available for public inspection on July 1, 2020 at the office of the Township Clerk, 2207 Lawrence Road, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648, by appointment (609-844-7000/clerk@lawrencetwp.com) because the municipal building is still closed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Township of Lawrence requests that all comments provide: 1) A clear and complete statement as to each aspect of the municipality’s housing element and fair share plan contested as no longer presenting a realistic opportunity and needing to be replaced/supplemented; 2) An explanation of the basis for each comment; 3) Copies of all such expert reports, studies, or other data relied upon by the commenter; 4) Proposed modifications, changes, or other measures which the commenter contends would resolve the deficiency; and 5) An explanation of how the commenter’s proposals are consistent with applicable law.

Such comments, together with copies of any supporting affidavits or other documents, must be filed in writing, on or before August 7, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. with **David M. Roskos, Esq., Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC**, 2000 Lenox Drive, Suite 203, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648, [droskos@eckertseamans.com](mailto:droskos@eckertseamans.com), with copies of all papers being forwarded by mail or e-mail to:

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