

**BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE
ORDINANCE NO. 2021-015**

AFFORDABLE HOUSING ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW CHAPTER, “AFFORDABLE HOUSING,” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF PARK RIDGE, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO ADDRESS THE BOROUGH’S AFFORDABLE HOUSING OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE FAIR HOUSING ACT AND THE UNIFORM HOUSING AFFORDABILITY CONTROLS (UHAC)

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Park Ridge, in the County of Bergen, and State of New Jersey, that a new chapter, “Affordable Housing,” of the Code of the Borough of Park Ridge, is hereby created with this Ordinance, to address the Borough’s constitutional obligation to provide for its fair share of affordable housing, as directed by the Superior Court and consistent with N.J.A.C. 5:93-1, et seq., as amended and supplemented, N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1, et seq., as amended and supplemented, and the New Jersey Fair Housing Act of 1985, as amended.

SECTION 1. A new chapter, Chapter 39: Affordable Housing, shall be added to the Borough Code, which shall read as follows:

§39-1 Affordable housing obligation.

- A.** This chapter is intended to assure that affordable housing units are created with controls on affordability over time and that low- and moderate-income households shall occupy these units. This chapter shall apply except where inconsistent with applicable law.
- B.** The Park Ridge Planning Board has adopted a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan pursuant to the Municipal Land Use Law at N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1, et seq. The Housing Element and Fair Share Plan has been endorsed by the governing body. The Fair Share Plan describes the ways the Borough of Park Ridge shall address its fair share for affordable housing as directed by the Superior Court and documented in the Housing Element.
- C.** This chapter implements and incorporates the adopted and endorsed Housing Element and Fair Share Plan and addresses the requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:93-1, et seq., as amended and supplemented, N.J.A.C.5:80-26.1, et seq. as amended and supplemented, and the New Jersey Fair Housing Act of 1985, as amended.

§39-2 Definitions.

The following terms, as used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings:

ACCESSORY APARTMENT

A self-contained residential dwelling unit with a kitchen, sanitary facilities, sleeping quarters and a private entrance, which is created within an existing home, or through the conversion of an existing accessory structure on the same site, or by an addition to an existing home or accessory building, or by the construction of a new accessory structure on the same site.

ACT

The Fair Housing Act of 1985, P.L. 1985, c. 222 (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq.), as amended.

ADAPTABLE

Constructed in compliance with the technical design standards of the Barrier Free Subcode, N.J.A.C. 5:23-7.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT

The entity responsible for administering the affordability controls with respect to specific restricted units in accordance with this chapter, the regulations of the Council on Affordable Housing set forth at N.J.A.C. 5:93 et seq., and the Uniform Housing Affordability Controls set forth at N.J.A.C. 5:80-26 et seq.

AFFIRMATIVE MARKETING

A regional marketing strategy designed to attract buyers and/or renters of affordable units pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.15.

AFFORDABILITY AVERAGE

The average percentage of median income at which restricted units in an affordable housing development are affordable to low- and moderate-income households.

AFFORDABLE

A sales price or rent within the means of a low- or moderate-income household as defined in N.J.A.C. 5:93-7.4; in the case of an ownership unit, that the sales price for the unit conforms to the standards set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.6, as may be amended and supplemented, and, in the case of a rental unit, that the rent for the unit conforms to the standards set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.12, as may be amended and supplemented.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

A housing development all or a portion of which consists of restricted units.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM(S)

Any mechanism in a municipal Fair Share Plan prepared or implemented to address a municipality's fair share obligation.

AFFORDABLE UNIT

A housing unit proposed or created pursuant to the Act and, in the case of an ownership unit, that the sales price for the unit conforms to the standards set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.6 and, in the case of a rental unit, that the rent for the unit conforms to the standards set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.12.

AGENCY

The New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency established by P.L. 1983, c. 530 (N.J.S.A. 55:14K-1, et seq.).

AGE-RESTRICTED UNIT

A housing unit designed to meet the needs of, and exclusively for, the residents of an age-restricted segment of the population such that: 1) all the residents of the development where the unit is situated are 62 years or older; or 2) at least 80 percent of the units are occupied by one person that is 55 years or older; or 3) the development has been designated by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as "housing for older persons" as defined in Section 807(b)(2) of the Fair Housing Act, 42 U.S.C. § 3607.

ALTERNATIVE LIVING ARRANGEMENT

A structure in which households live in distinct bedrooms, yet share kitchen and plumbing facilities, central heat and common areas. Alternative living arrangements include, but are not limited to: transitional facilities for the homeless; Class A, B, C, D and E boarding homes as regulated by the State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; residential health care facilities as regulated by the New Jersey Department of Health; group homes for the developmentally disabled and mentally ill as licensed and/or regulated by the New Jersey Department of Human Services; and congregate living arrangements.

ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENCE

A facility licensed by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services to provide apartment-style housing and congregate dining and to assure that assisted living services are available when needed for four or more adult persons unrelated to the proprietor and that offers units containing, at a minimum, one unfurnished room, a private bathroom, a kitchenette and a lockable door on the unit entrance.

CERTIFIED HOUSEHOLD

A household that has been certified by an Administrative Agent as a low-income household or moderate-income household.

COAH

The Council on Affordable Housing, as established by the New Jersey Fair Housing Act (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301, et seq.).

DCA

The State of New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

DEFICIENT HOUSING UNIT

A housing unit with health and safety code violations that require the repair or replacement of a major system. A major system includes weatherization, roofing, plumbing (including wells), heating, electricity, sanitary plumbing (including septic systems), lead paint abatement and/or load bearing structural systems.

DEVELOPER

Any person, partnership, association, company or corporation that is the legal or beneficial owner or owners of a lot or any land proposed to be included in a proposed development including the holder of an option to contract or purchase, or other person having an enforceable proprietary interest in such land.

DEVELOPMENT

The division of a parcel of land into two or more parcels, the construction, reconstruction, conversion, structural alteration, relocation, or enlargement of any use or change in the use of any building or other structure, or of any mining, excavation or landfill, and any use or change in the use of any building or other structure, or land or extension of use of land, for which permission may be required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 et seq.

INCLUSIONARY DEVELOPMENT

A development containing both affordable units and market rate units. This term includes, but is not necessarily limited to: new construction, the conversion of a non-residential structure to residential use and the creation of new affordable units through the gut rehabilitation or reconstruction of a vacant residential structure.

LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLD

A household with a total gross annual household income equal to 50 percent or less of the median household income.

LOW-INCOME UNIT

A restricted unit that is affordable to a low-income household.

MAJOR SYSTEM

The primary structural, mechanical, plumbing, electrical, fire protection, or occupant service components of a building which include but are not limited to, weatherization, roofing, plumbing (including wells), heating, electricity, sanitary plumbing (including septic systems), lead paint abatement or load bearing structural systems.

MARKET-RATE UNITS

Housing not restricted to low- and moderate-income households that may sell or rent at any price.

MEDIAN INCOME

The median income by household size for the applicable housing region, as adopted annually by COAH or a successor entity approved by the Court.

MODERATE-INCOME HOUSEHOLD

A household with a total gross annual household income in excess of 50 percent but less than 80 percent of the median household income.

MODERATE-INCOME UNIT

A restricted unit that is affordable to a moderate-income household.

MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIAISON

The employee charged by the governing body with the responsibility for oversight and administration of the affordable housing program for the Borough of Park Ridge.

NON-EXEMPT SALE

Any sale or transfer of ownership other than the transfer of ownership between spouses; the transfer of ownership between former spouses ordered as a result of a judicial decree of divorce or judicial separation, but not including sales to third parties; the transfer of ownership between family members as a result of inheritance; the transfer of ownership through an executor's deed to a class A beneficiary and the transfer of ownership by court order.

RANDOM SELECTION PROCESS

A process by which currently income-eligible households are selected for placement in affordable housing units such that no preference is given to one applicant over another except for purposes of matching household income and size with an appropriately priced and sized affordable unit (e.g., by lottery).

REGIONAL ASSET LIMIT

The maximum housing value in each housing region affordable to a four-person household with an income at 80 percent of the regional median as defined by duly adopted Regional Income Limits published annually by COAH or a successor entity.

REHABILITATION

The repair, renovation, alteration or reconstruction of any building or structure, pursuant to the Rehabilitation Subcode, N.J.A.C. 5:23-6.

RENT

The gross monthly cost of a rental unit to the tenant, including the rent paid to the landlord, as well as an allowance for tenant-paid utilities computed in accordance with allowances published by DCA for its Section 8 program. In assisted living residences, rent does not include charges for food and services.

RESTRICTED UNIT

A dwelling unit, whether a rental unit or ownership unit, that is subject to the affordability controls of N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1, as may be amended and supplemented, but does not include a market-rate unit financed under the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency's Urban Homeownership Recovery Program (UHORP) or the Agency's Market Oriented Neighborhood Investment Program (MONI).

UHAC

The Uniform Housing Affordability Controls set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et seq.

VERY LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLD

A household with a total gross annual household income equal to 30 percent or less of the median household income for the applicable housing region.

VERY LOW-INCOME UNIT

A restricted unit that is affordable to a very low-income household.

WEATHERIZATION

Building insulation (for attic, exterior walls and crawl space), siding to improve energy efficiency, replacement storm windows, replacement storm doors, replacement windows and replacement doors, and is considered a major system for purposes of a rehabilitation program.

§39-3 Applicability.

- A.** The provisions of this chapter shall apply to all developments that contain low-and/or moderate-income housing units, including any affordable housing developments that currently exist, any affordable housing developments that are proposed to be created within the Borough of Park Ridge pursuant to the Borough's most recently adopted Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, as well as any currently unanticipated future developments that will provide low- and/or moderate-income housing units.
- B.** All affordable housing developments, including those intended to be funded through federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit programs, shall be deed restricted to comply with COAH and UHAC Rules pertaining to the income and bedroom distributions of the units.

§39-4 Rehabilitation program.

- A.** The Borough will work with Bergen County and hire a separate entity to rehabilitate units in the Borough to address the Borough's Rehabilitation Obligation. Any such rehabilitation programs shall be designed to renovate deficient housing units occupied by low- and moderate-income households such that, after rehabilitation, these units will comply with the New Jersey State Housing Code pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:28.
- B.** All rehabilitated rental and owner-occupied units shall remain affordable to low- and moderate-income households for a period of 10 years (the control period). For owner occupied units, the control period will be enforced with a lien and, for renter occupied units, the control period will be enforced with a deed restriction.

- C. The Borough of Park Ridge shall dedicate \$20,000 for each unit to be rehabilitated through this program, up to a maximum of fifteen (15) units.
- D. The Borough shall adopt a resolution committing to fund any shortfall in the Borough's Rehabilitation Program.
- E. The Borough of Park Ridge shall designate, subject to the approval of the Court, COAH, or any successor entity, one or more Administrative Agents to administer the rehabilitation program in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:93. The Administrative Agent(s) shall provide a rehabilitation manual for the owner occupancy rehabilitation program and a rehabilitation manual for the rental occupancy rehabilitation program to be adopted by resolution of the governing body and subject to approval of the Court, COAH, or any successor entity,. Both rehabilitation manuals shall be available for public inspection in the Office of the Municipal Clerk and in the office(s) of the Administrative Agent(s).
- F. Units in a rehabilitation program shall be exempt from Uniform Housing Affordability Controls (UHAC), but shall be administered in accordance with the following:
 - (1) If a unit is vacant, upon initial rental subsequent to rehabilitation, or if a renter-occupied unit is re-rented prior to the end of controls on affordability, the deed restriction shall require the unit to be rented to a low- or moderate-income household at an affordable rent and affirmatively marketed pursuant to §39-8.C, §39-9, and UHAC.
 - (2) If a unit is renter-occupied, upon completion of the rehabilitation, the maximum rate of rent shall be the lesser of the current rent or the maximum permitted rent pursuant to §39-8.C and UHAC.
 - (3) Rents in rehabilitated units may increase annually based on the standards in §39-8.C.
 - (4) Applicant and/or tenant households shall be certified as income-eligible in accordance with §39-8.C and UHAC, except that households in owner occupied units shall be exempt from the regional asset limit.

§39-5 Accessory apartment program.

- A. It is the purpose of this program to help meet the Borough of Park Ridge's fair share housing obligation through the subsidization of up to seven (7) accessory apartments in the Borough for occupancy by very low-, low- or moderate-income households.
- B. All accessory apartments shall meet the following conditions:
 - (1) Accessory apartments shall be permitted in principal or accessory buildings in the R-40, R-20, R-15, and R-10 Zones on lots developed with a detached single family dwelling according to the applicable area, yard, and bulk requirements, provided the units are affordable to low- or moderate-income households.
 - (2) Accessory apartments shall comply with all applicable statutes and regulations of the State of New Jersey in addition to all building codes.
 - (3) At the time of initial occupancy of the unit and for at least ten years thereafter, the accessory apartment shall be rented only to a household which is either a very-low, low- or moderate-income household.
 - (4) Rents of accessory apartments shall be affordable to very-low, low- or moderate-income households as per this chapter and UHAC regulations.

- (5) There shall be a recorded deed or declaration of covenants and restrictions applied to the property upon which the accessory apartment is located running with the land and limiting its subsequent rental or sale of the unit and the accessory apartment. The deed or declarations shall be reviewed and approved by the Borough Attorney prior to recording; and such document must be recorded prior to the issuance of a building permit or, if no building permit needs to be issued, prior to the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy.
 - (6) The appropriate utility authority must certify that there is water and sewer infrastructure with sufficient capacity to serve the proposed accessory apartment. Where the proposed location is served by an individual well and/or septic system, the additional capacity necessitated by the new unit must meet the appropriate NJDEP standards.
 - (7) Accessory apartments shall be exempt from the bedroom mix requirements set forth in this chapter. The Borough of Park Ridge accessory apartment program shall not restrict the number of bedrooms in any accessory apartment.
 - (8) No accessory apartment created as a result of these regulations shall exceed the gross floor area of the existing principal dwelling on the lot.
- C. The maximum number of accessory apartments subsidized by the Borough of Park Ridge shall be equal to no more than seven (7). Although additional accessory apartments may be created in the Borough above and beyond these seven (7) units, same shall not be subsidized by the Borough.
- D. The Borough of Park Ridge shall designate an administrative entity to administer the accessory apartment program that shall have the following responsibilities:
- (1) The Administrative Agent shall administer the accessory apartment program, including advertising, income qualifying prospective renters, setting rents and annual rent increases, maintaining a waiting list, distributing the subsidy, securing certificates of occupancy, qualifying properties, handling application forms, filing deed restrictions and monitoring reports and affirmatively marketing the affordable accessory apartment program in accordance with this chapter and UHAC.
 - (2) The administrative entity shall only deny an application for an accessory apartment if the project is not in conformance with COAH's rules and/or the provisions of this chapter. All denials shall be in writing with the reasons clearly stated.
 - (3) The program shall require that, of the seven (7) subsidized accessory apartments, at least one (1) shall be very-low income, no more than three (3) may be moderate-income, and the remainder may be low-income.
 - (4) The Borough of Park Ridge shall provide \$50,000 to subsidize the creation of each very low-income accessory apartment, \$40,000 to subsidize the creation of each low-income accessory apartment, and \$30,000 to subsidize the creation of each moderate-income accessory apartment. Subsidy may be used to fund actual construction costs and/or to provide compensation for reduced rental rates.
 - (5) Property owners wishing to apply to create an accessory apartment shall submit to the administrative entity:
 - (a) A sketch of floor plan(s) showing the location, size and relationship of both the accessory apartment and the primary dwelling within the building or in another structure;

- (b) Rough elevations showing the modifications of any exterior building façade to which changes are proposed; and
- (c) A site development sketch showing the location of the existing dwelling and other existing buildings; all property lines; proposed addition, if any, along with the minimum building setback lines; the required parking spaces for both dwelling units; and any man-made conditions which might affect construction.

§39-6 Alternative living arrangements.

- A. The administration of an alternative living arrangement shall be in compliance with N.J.A.C. 5:93-5.8 and UHAC, with the following exceptions:
 - (1) Affirmative marketing (N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.15), provided, however, that the units or bedrooms may be affirmatively marketed by the provider in accordance with an alternative plan approved by the Court;
 - (2) Affordability average and bedroom distribution (N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.3).
- B. With the exception of units established with capital funding through a 20-year operating contract with the Department of Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities, alternative living arrangements shall have at least 30-year controls on affordability in accordance with UHAC.
- C. The service provider for the alternative living arrangement shall act as the Administrative Agent for the purposes of administering the affirmative marketing and affordability requirements for the alternative living arrangement.

§39-7 Inclusionary zoning.

- A. Maximum densities and minimum set-asides: The maximum permitted densities and minimum required affordable housing set-asides for inclusionary development shall be as set forth for each individual inclusionary zone district in Chapter 101, "Zoning," of the Borough Code.
- B. Phasing: In inclusionary developments, the following schedule shall be followed:

Maximum Percentage of Market-Rate Units Completed	Minimum Percentage of affordable Units Completed
25	0
25+1	10
50	50
75	75
90	100

- C. Design:
 - (1) In inclusionary developments, to the extent possible, affordable units shall be integrated with the market units.
 - (2) In inclusionary developments, affordable units shall have access to all of the same common elements and facilities as the market units.

§39-8 New construction.

A. Low/Moderate Split and Bedroom Distribution of Affordable Housing Units:

- (1) The fair share obligation shall be divided equally between low- and moderate- income units, except that where there is an odd number of affordable housing units, the extra unit shall be a low income unit. At least thirteen percent (13%) of all restricted rental units within each bedroom distribution shall be very low income units (affordable to a household earning thirty percent (30%) or less of regional median income by household size). The very low income units shall be counted as part of the required number of low income units within a development. At least fifty percent (50%) of the very low income units must be available to families.
- (2) At least twenty-five percent (25%) of the obligation shall be met through rental units, including at least half in rental units available to families.
- (3) A maximum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the Township's obligation may be met with age restricted units. At least half of all affordable units in the Township's plan shall be available to families.
- (4) In each affordable development, at least 50 percent of the restricted units within each bedroom distribution shall be low-income units.
- (5) Affordable developments that are not age-restricted shall be structured in conjunction with realistic market demands such that:
 - (a) The combined number of efficiency and one-bedroom units shall be no greater than 20 percent of the total affordable units;
 - (b) At least 30 percent of all affordable units shall be two bedroom units;
 - (c) At least 20 percent of all affordable units shall be three bedroom units; and
 - (d) The remaining units may be allocated among two and three bedroom units at the discretion of the developer and the Borough.
- (6) Affordable developments that are age-restricted shall be structured such that the number of bedrooms shall equal the number of age-restricted affordable units within the inclusionary development. The standard may be met by having all one-bedroom units or by having a two-bedroom unit for each efficiency unit.

B. Accessibility Requirements:

- (1) The first floor of all restricted townhouse dwelling units and all restricted units in all other multistory buildings shall be subject to the technical design standards of the Barrier Free Subcode, N.J.A.C. 5:23-7.
- (2) All restricted townhouse dwelling units and all restricted units in other multistory buildings in which a restricted dwelling unit is attached to at least one other dwelling unit shall have the following features:
 - (a) An adaptable toilet and bathing facility on the first floor;
 - (b) An adaptable kitchen on the first floor;
 - (c) An interior accessible route of travel on the first floor;
 - (d) An interior accessible route of travel shall not be required between stories within an individual unit;

- (e) An adaptable room that can be used as a bedroom, with a door or the casing for the installation of a door, on the first floor; and
- (f) An accessible entranceway as set forth at P.L. 2005, c. 350 (N.J.S.A. 52:27D-311a et seq.) and the Barrier Free Subcode, N.J.A.C. 5:23-7, or evidence that the Borough of Park Ridge has collected funds from the developer sufficient to make 10 percent of the adaptable entrances in the development accessible:
 - [1] Where a unit has been constructed with an adaptable entrance, upon the request of a disabled person who is purchasing or will reside in the dwelling unit, an accessible entrance shall be installed.
 - [2] To this end, the builder of restricted units shall deposit funds within the Borough's affordable housing trust fund sufficient to install accessible entrances in 10 percent of the affordable units that have been constructed with adaptable entrances.
 - [3] The funds deposited under paragraph [2] above shall be used by the Borough of Park Ridge for the sole purpose of making the adaptable entrance of any affordable unit accessible when requested to do so by a person with a disability who occupies or intends to occupy the unit and requires an accessible entrance.
 - [4] The developer of the restricted units shall submit a design plan and cost estimate for the conversion from adaptable to accessible entrances to the Construction Official of the Borough of Park Ridge.
 - [5] Once the Construction Official has determined that the design plan to convert the unit entrances from adaptable to accessible meet the requirements of the Barrier Free Subcode, N.J.A.C. 5:23-7, and that the cost estimate of such conversion is reasonable, payment shall be made to the Borough's affordable housing trust fund in care of the Borough's Chief Financial Officer who shall ensure that the funds are deposited into the affordable housing trust fund and appropriately earmarked.
 - [6] Full compliance with the foregoing provisions shall not be required where an entity can demonstrate that it is site impracticable to meet the requirements. Determinations of site impracticability shall be in compliance with the Barrier Free Subcode, N.J.A.C. 5:23-7.

C. Maximum Rents and Sales Prices:

- (1) In establishing rents and sales prices of affordable housing units, the Administrative Agent shall follow the procedures set forth in UHAC, utilizing the most recently published regional weighted average of the uncapped Section 8 income limits published by HUD and by the Court, Council on Affordable Housing, or a successor entity.
- (2) The maximum rent for restricted rental units within each affordable development shall be affordable to households earning no more than 60 percent of median income, and the average rent for restricted units shall be affordable to households earning no more than 52 percent of median income.
- (3) The developers and/or municipal sponsors of restricted rental units shall establish at least one rent for each bedroom type for both low-income and moderate-income units, provided that at least 13 percent of all restricted rental units shall be affordable to very low income households.

- (4) The maximum sales price of restricted ownership units within each affordable development shall be affordable to households earning no more than 70 percent of median income, and each affordable development must achieve an affordability average of 55 percent for restricted ownership units; in achieving this affordability average, moderate-income ownership units must be available for at least three different prices for each bedroom type, and low-income ownership units must be available for at least two different prices for each bedroom type.
- (5) In determining the initial sales prices and rents for compliance with the affordability average requirements for restricted units other than assisted living facilities and age-restricted developments, the following standards shall be used:
 - (a) A studio shall be affordable to a one-person household;
 - (b) A one-bedroom unit shall be affordable to a one and one-half person household;
 - (c) A two-bedroom unit shall be affordable to a three-person household;
 - (d) A three-bedroom unit shall be affordable to a four and one-half person household; and
 - (e) A four-bedroom unit shall be affordable to a six-person household.
- (6) In determining the initial rents for compliance with the affordability average requirements for restricted units in assisted living facilities and age-restricted developments, the following standards shall be used:
 - (a) A studio shall be affordable to a one-person household;
 - (b) A one-bedroom unit shall be affordable to a one and one-half person household; and
 - (c) A two-bedroom unit shall be affordable to a two-person household or to two one-person households.
- (7) The initial purchase price for all restricted ownership units shall be calculated so that the monthly carrying cost of the unit, including principal and interest (based on a mortgage loan equal to 95 percent of the purchase price and the Federal Reserve H.15 rate of interest), taxes, homeowner and private mortgage insurance and condominium or homeowner association fees do not exceed 28 percent of the eligible monthly income of the appropriate size household as determined under N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.4, as may be amended and supplemented; provided, however, that the price shall be subject to the affordability average requirement of N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.3, as may be amended and supplemented.
- (8) The initial rent for a restricted rental unit shall be calculated so as not to exceed 30 percent of the eligible monthly income of the appropriate household size, including an allowance for tenant paid utilities, as determined under N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.4, as may be amended and supplemented; provided, however, that the rent shall be subject to the affordability average requirement of N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.3, as may be amended and supplemented.

- (9) Income limits for all units that are part of the Borough's Housing Element and Fair Share Plan, and for which income limits are not already established through a federal program exempted from the Uniform Housing Affordability Controls pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1, shall be updated by the Borough annually within thirty (30) days of the publication of determinations of median income by HUD as follows:
- (a) The income limit for a moderate-income unit for a household of four shall be eighty percent (80%) of the HUD determination of the median income for COAH Region 1 for a family of four. The income limit for a low-income unit for a household of four shall be fifty percent (50%) of the HUD determination of the median income for COAH Region 1 for a family of four. The income limit for a very low income unit for a household of four shall be thirty percent (30%) of the HUD determination of the median income for COAH Region 1 for a family of four. These income limits shall be adjusted by household size based on multipliers used by HUD to adjust median income by household size. In no event shall the income limits be less than the previous year.
 - (b) The income limits are based on carrying out the process in Paragraph (a) based on HUD determination of median income for the current Fiscal Year, and shall be utilized by the Borough until new income limits are available.
- (10) In establishing sale prices and rents of affordable housing units, the Administrative Agent shall follow the procedures set forth in UHAC, utilizing the regional income limits established by the Council:
- (a) The price of owner-occupied affordable units may increase annually based on the percentage increase in the regional median income limit for each housing region determined pursuant to Paragraph (9). In no event shall the maximum resale price established by the Administrative Agent be lower than the last recorded purchase price.
 - (b) The rent of affordable units may be increased annually based on the permitted percentage increase in the Housing Consumer Price Index for the Northern New Jersey Area, upon its publication for the prior calendar year. This increase shall not exceed nine percent in any one year. Rents for units constructed pursuant to low-income housing tax credit regulations shall be indexed pursuant to the regulations governing low-income housing tax credits.

D. Utilities:

- (1) Affordable units shall utilize the same type of heating source as market units within an inclusionary development.
- (2) Tenant-paid utilities that are included in the utility allowance shall be so stated in the lease and shall be consistent with the utility allowance approved by DCA for its Section 8 program.

§39-9 Occupancy standards.

- A.** In referring certified households to specific restricted units, to the extent feasible, and without causing an undue delay in occupying the unit, the Administrative Agent shall strive to:
- (1) Provide an occupant for each bedroom;
 - (2) Provide children of different sexes with separate bedrooms;
 - (3) Provide separate bedrooms for parents and children; and

(4) Prevent more than two persons from occupying a single bedroom.

B. Additional provisions related to occupancy standards (if any) shall be provided in the municipal Operating Manual.

§39-10 Control periods for restricted ownership units and enforcement mechanisms.

A. Control periods for restricted ownership units shall be in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.5, as may be amended and supplemented, and each restricted ownership unit shall remain subject to the requirements of this chapter until the Borough of Park Ridge elects to release the unit from such requirements; however, and prior to such an election, a restricted ownership unit must remain subject to the requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1, as may be amended and supplemented, for at least 30 years.

B. The affordability control period for a restricted ownership unit shall commence on the date the initial certified household takes title to the unit.

C. Prior to the issuance of the initial certificate of occupancy for a restricted ownership unit and upon each successive sale during the period of restricted ownership, the Administrative Agent shall determine the restricted price for the unit and shall also determine the non-restricted, fair market value of the unit based on either an appraisal or the unit's equalized assessed value.

D. At the time of the first sale of the unit, the purchaser shall execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent a recapture note obligating the purchaser (as well as the purchaser's heirs, successors and assigns) to repay, upon the first non-exempt sale after the unit's release from the requirements of this chapter, an amount equal to the difference between the unit's non-restricted fair market value and its restricted price, and the recapture note shall be secured by a recapture lien evidenced by a duly recorded mortgage on the unit.

E. The affordability controls set forth in this chapter shall remain in effect despite the entry and enforcement of any judgment of foreclosure with respect to restricted ownership units.

F. A restricted ownership unit shall be required to obtain a Continuing Certificate of Occupancy or a certified statement from the Construction Official stating that the unit meets all code standards upon the first transfer of title that follows the expiration of the applicable minimum control period provided under N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.5(a), as may be amended and supplemented.

§39-11 Price restrictions for restricted ownership units, homeowner association fees and resale prices.

A. Price restrictions for restricted ownership units shall be in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1, as may be amended and supplemented, including:

(1) The initial purchase price for a restricted ownership unit shall be approved by the Administrative Agent.

(2) The Administrative Agent shall approve all resale prices, in writing and in advance of the resale, to assure compliance with the foregoing standards.

(3) The method used to determine the condominium association fee amounts and special assessments shall be indistinguishable between the affordable unit owners and the market unit owners.

- (4) The owners of restricted ownership units may apply to the Administrative Agent to increase the maximum sales price for the unit on the basis of capital improvements. Eligible capital improvements shall be those that render the unit suitable for a larger household or the addition of a bathroom.

§39-12 Buyer income eligibility.

- A. Buyer income eligibility for restricted ownership units shall be in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1, as may be amended and supplemented, such that low-income ownership units shall be reserved for households with a gross household income less than or equal to 50 percent of median income and moderate-income ownership units shall be reserved for households with a gross household income less than 80 percent of median income.
- B. The Administrative Agent shall certify a household as eligible for a restricted ownership unit when the household is a low-income household or a moderate-income household, as applicable to the unit, and the estimated monthly housing cost for the particular unit (including principal, interest, taxes, homeowner and private mortgage insurance and condominium or homeowner association fees, as applicable) does not exceed 33 percent of the household's certified monthly income.

§39-13 Limitations on indebtedness secured by ownership unit; subordination.

- A. Prior to incurring any indebtedness to be secured by a restricted ownership unit, the Administrative Agent shall determine in writing that the proposed indebtedness complies with the provisions of this section.
- B. With the exception of original purchase money mortgages, during a control period neither an owner nor a lender shall at any time cause or permit the total indebtedness secured by a restricted ownership unit to exceed 95 percent of the maximum allowable resale price of that unit, as such price is determined by the administrative agent in accordance with N.J.A.C.5:80-26.6(b).

§39-14 Control periods for restricted rental units.

- A. Control periods for restricted rental units shall be in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.11, as may be amended and supplemented, and each restricted rental unit shall remain subject to the requirements of this chapter until the Borough of Park Ridge elects to release the unit from such requirements pursuant to action taken in compliance with N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1, as may be amended and supplemented, and prior to such an election, a restricted rental unit must remain subject to the requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1, as may be amended and supplemented, for at least 30 years. For new projects receiving nine-percent low income housing tax credits, a control period of not less than a thirty-year compliance period plus a fifteen-year extended use period shall be required.
- B. Deeds of all real property that include restricted rental units shall contain deed restriction language. The deed restriction shall have priority over all mortgages on the property, and the deed restriction shall be filed by the developer or seller with the records office of Bergen County. A copy of the filed document shall be provided to the Administrative Agent within 30 days of the receipt of a Certificate of Occupancy.
- C. A restricted rental unit shall remain subject to the affordability controls of this chapter, despite the occurrence of any of the following events:
- (1) Sublease or assignment of the lease of the unit;

- (2) Sale or other voluntary transfer of the ownership of the unit; or
- (3) The entry and enforcement of any judgment of foreclosure.

§39-15 Rent restrictions for rental units; leases.

- A. A written lease shall be required for all restricted rental units, except for units in an assisted living residence, and tenants shall be responsible for security deposits and the full amount of the rent as stated on the lease. A copy of the current lease for each restricted rental unit shall be provided to the Administrative Agent.
- B. No additional fees or charges shall be added to the approved rent (except, in the case of units in an assisted living residence, to cover the customary charges for food and services) without the express written approval of the Administrative Agent.
- C. Application fees (including the charge for any credit check) shall not exceed five percent of the monthly rent of the applicable restricted unit and shall be payable to the Administrative Agent to be applied to the costs of administering the controls applicable to the unit as set forth in this chapter.

§39-16 Tenant income eligibility.

- A. Tenant income eligibility shall be in accordance with N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.13, as may be amended and supplemented, and shall be determined as follows:
 - (1) Very low-income rental units shall be reserved for households with a gross household income less than or equal to 30 percent of median income.
 - (2) Low-income rental units shall be reserved for households with a gross household income less than or equal to 50 percent of median income.
 - (3) Moderate-income rental units shall be reserved for households with a gross household income less than 80 percent of median income.
- B. The Administrative Agent shall certify a household as eligible for a restricted rental unit when the household is a very low-income, low-income household or a moderate-income household, as applicable to the unit, and the rent proposed for the unit does not exceed 35 percent (40 percent for age-restricted units) of the household's eligible monthly income as determined pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.16, as may be amended and supplemented; provided, however, that this limit may be exceeded if one or more of the following circumstances exists:
 - (1) The household currently pays more than 35 percent (40 percent for households eligible for age-restricted units) of its gross household income for rent, and the proposed rent will reduce its housing costs;
 - (2) The household has consistently paid more than 35 percent (40 percent for households eligible for age-restricted units) of eligible monthly income for rent in the past and has proven its ability to pay;
 - (3) The household is currently in substandard or overcrowded living conditions;
 - (4) The household documents the existence of assets with which the household proposes to supplement the rent payments; or
 - (5) The household documents proposed third-party assistance from an outside source such as a family member in a form acceptable to the Administrative Agent and the owner of the unit.

- C. The applicant shall file documentation sufficient to establish the existence of the circumstances in B(1) through B(5) above with the Administrative Agent, who shall counsel the household on budgeting.

§39-17 Municipal housing liaison.

- A. The position of Municipal Housing Liaison for the Borough of Park Ridge is hereby established by this chapter.
- B. The Borough shall appoint a specific municipal employee to serve as the Municipal Housing Liaison by resolution. The Municipal Housing Liaison shall be appointed by the governing body and may be a full- or part-time municipal employee. The Municipal Housing Liaison shall be approved by the court and shall be duly qualified through a training program sponsored by Affordable Housing Professionals of New Jersey before assuming the duties of Municipal Housing Liaison.
- C. The Municipal Housing Liaison shall be responsible for oversight and administration of the affordable housing program for the Borough, including the following responsibilities which may not be contracted out to the administrative agent:
 - (1) Serving as the Borough's primary point of contact for all inquiries from the state, affordable housing providers, administrative agents and interested households;
 - (2) Monitoring the status of all restricted units in the Borough's Fair Share Plan;
 - (3) Compiling, verifying and submitting annual monitoring reports as may be required by the court;
 - (4) Coordinating meetings with affordable housing providers and administrative agents, as needed; and
 - (5) Attending continuing education opportunities on affordability controls, compliance monitoring and affirmative marketing at least annually and more often as needed.

§39-18 Administrative agent.

- A. Subject to the approval of the court, the Borough shall designate one or more administrative agent(s) to administer newly constructed affordable units in accordance with UHAC. An operating manual for each affordable housing program shall be provided by the administrative agent(s) to be adopted by resolution of the governing body and subject to approval of the court. The operating manual(s) shall be available for public inspection in the office of the Borough Clerk, in the office of the Municipal Housing Liaison, and in the office(s) of the administrative agent(s). The Municipal Housing Liaison shall supervise the contracting administrative agent(s).
- B. The administrative agent shall be an independent entity serving under contract to and reporting to the Borough. For new sale and rental developments, all of the fees of the administrative agent shall be paid by the owners of the affordable units for which the services of the administrative agent are required. For resales, homeowners shall be required to pay 3% of the sales price for services provided by the administrative agent related to the resale of their homes. That fee shall be collected at closing and paid directly to the administrative agent.
- C. The administrative agent shall perform the duties and responsibilities of an administrative agent as set forth in UHAC, including those set forth in Sections 5:80-26.14, 16 and 18 thereof, which include:
 - (1) Affirmative marketing:

- (a) Conducting an outreach process to affirmatively market affordable housing units in accordance with the Borough's affirmative marketing plan and the provisions of N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.15; and
- (b) Providing counseling or contracting to provide counseling services to low- and moderate-income applicants on subjects such as budgeting, credit issues, mortgage qualification, rental lease requirements, and landlord/tenant law.

(2) Household certification:

- (a) Soliciting, scheduling, conducting and following up on interviews with interested households;
- (b) Conducting interviews and obtaining sufficient documentation of gross income and assets upon which to base a determination of income eligibility for a low- or moderate-income unit;
- (c) Providing written notification to each applicant as to the determination of eligibility or noneligibility;
- (d) Requiring that all certified applicants for restricted units execute a certificate substantially in the form, as applicable, of either the ownership or rental certificates set forth in Appendices J and K of N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et seq.;
- (e) Creating and maintaining a referral list of eligible applicant households living in the housing region and eligible applicant households with members working in the housing region where the units are located; and
- (f) Employing the random selection process as provided in the affirmative marketing plan of the Borough when referring households for certification to affordable units.

(3) Affordability controls:

- (a) Furnishing to attorneys or closing agents forms of deed restrictions and mortgages for recording at the time of conveyance of title of each restricted unit;
- (b) Creating and maintaining a file on each restricted unit for its control period, including the recorded deed with restrictions, recorded mortgage and note, as appropriate;
- (c) Ensuring that the removal of the deed restrictions and cancellation of the mortgage note are effectuated and properly filed with Bergen County's Register of Deeds or County Clerk's office after the termination of the affordability controls for each restricted unit;
- (d) Communicating with lenders regarding foreclosures; and
- (e) Ensuring the issuance of continuing certificates of occupancy or certifications pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.10.

(4) Resales and rentals:

- (a) Instituting and maintaining an effective means of communicating information between owners and the administrative agent regarding the availability of restricted units for resale or rental; and
- (b) Instituting and maintaining an effective means of communicating information to low- and moderate-income households regarding the availability of restricted units for resale or re-rental.

(5) Processing requests from unit owners:

- (a) Reviewing and approving requests from owners of restricted units who wish to take out home equity loans or refinance during the term of their ownership;
- (b) Reviewing and approving requests to increase sales prices from owners of restricted units who wish to make capital improvements to the units that would affect the selling price, such authorizations to be limited to those improvements resulting in additional bedrooms or bathrooms and the depreciated cost of central air-conditioning systems;
- (c) Notifying the Borough of an owner's intent to sell a restricted unit; and
- (d) Making determinations on requests by owners of restricted units for hardship waivers.

(6) Enforcement:

- (a) Securing annually lists of all affordable housing units for which tax bills are mailed to absentee owners, and notifying all such owners that they must either move back to their unit or sell it;
- (b) Securing from all developers and sponsors of restricted units, at the earliest point of contact in the processing of the project or development, written acknowledgement of the requirement that no restricted unit can be offered, or in any other way committed, to any person, other than a household duly certified to the unit by the administrative agent;
- (c) Posting annually in all rental properties, including two-family homes, of a notice as to the maximum permitted rent together with the telephone number of the administrative agent where complaints of excess rent or other charges can be made;
- (d) Sending annual mailings to all owners of affordable dwelling units, reminding them of the notices and requirements outlined in N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.18(d)4;
- (e) Establishing a program for diverting unlawful rent payments to the Borough's affordable housing trust fund; and
- (f) Creating and publishing a written operating manual for each affordable housing program administered by the administrative agent, to be approved by the Borough Mayor and Council and the court, setting forth procedures for administering the affordability controls.

(7) Additional responsibilities:

- (a) The administrative agent shall have the authority to take all actions necessary and appropriate to carry out its responsibilities hereunder.
- (b) The administrative agent shall prepare monitoring reports for submission to the municipal housing liaison in time to meet any monitoring requirements and deadlines imposed by the court.
- (c) The administrative agent shall attend continuing education sessions on affordability controls, compliance monitoring, and affirmative marketing at least annually and more often as needed.

§39-19 Affirmative marketing requirements.

- A. The Borough shall adopt by resolution an affirmative marketing plan, subject to approval of the court, that is compliant with N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.15, as may be amended and supplemented.
- B. The affirmative marketing plan is a regional marketing strategy designed to attract buyers and/or renters of all majority and minority groups, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital or familial status, gender, affectional or sexual orientation, disability, age or number of children to housing units which are being marketed by a developer, sponsor or owner of affordable housing. The affirmative marketing plan is intended to target those potentially eligible persons who are least likely to apply for affordable units in that region. In addition, the affirmative marketing plan shall maintain certain notification requirements. It is a continuing program that directs marketing activities toward Housing Region 1 and is required to be followed throughout the period of restriction.
- C. The affirmative marketing plan shall provide a regional preference for all households that live and/or work in Housing Region 1, comprised of Bergen, Hudson, Passaic and Sussex Counties.
- D. The Borough has the ultimate responsibility for adopting the affirmative marketing plan and for the proper administration of the affirmative marketing program, including initial sales and rentals and resales and re-rentals. The administrative agent designated by the Borough shall implement the affirmative marketing plan to assure the affirmative marketing of all affordable units.
- E. In implementing the affirmative marketing plan, the administrative agent shall provide a list of counseling services to low- and moderate-income applicants on subjects such as budgeting, credit issues, mortgage qualification, rental lease requirements, and landlord/tenant law.
- F. The affirmative marketing plan shall describe the media to be used in advertising and publicizing the availability of housing. In implementing the affirmative marketing plan, the administrative agent shall consider the use of language translations where appropriate.
- G. The affirmative marketing process for available affordable units shall begin at least four months (120 days) prior to the expected date of occupancy.
- H. Applications for affordable housing shall be available in several locations, including, at a minimum, the County Administration Building and/or the County Library for each county within the housing region; the municipal administration building and the municipal library in the Borough in which the units are located; and the developer's rental office. Pre-applications shall be emailed or mailed to prospective applicants upon request.
- I. The costs of advertising and affirmative marketing of the affordable units shall be the responsibility of the developer, sponsor or owner.
- J. In addition to other affirmative marketing strategies, the administrative agent shall provide specific notice of the availability of affordable housing units in Park Ridge to the following entities: Fair Share Housing Center, the New Jersey State Conference of the NAACP, the Latino Action Network, Bergen County NAACP, Passaic County NAACP, Bergen County Urban League, Bergen County Housing Coalition, and Supportive Housing Association.

§39-20 Enforcement of affordable housing regulations.

- A. Upon the occurrence of a breach of any of the regulations governing the affordable unit by an Owner, Developer or Tenant, the municipality shall have all remedies provided at law or equity, including but not limited to foreclosure, tenant eviction, municipal fines, a requirement for household recertification, acceleration of all sums due under a mortgage, recoupment of any funds from a sale in the violation of the regulations, injunctive relief to prevent further violation of the regulations, entry on the premises, and specific performance.
- B. After providing written notice of a violation to an Owner, Developer or Tenant of an affordable unit and advising the Owner, Developer or Tenant of the penalties for such violations, the municipality may take the following action against the Owner, Developer or Tenant for any violation that remains uncured for a period of 60 days after service of the written notice:
 - (1) The municipality may file a court action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2A:58-11 alleging a violation, or violations, of the regulations governing the affordable housing unit. If the Owner, Developer or Tenant is found by the court to have violated any provision of the regulations governing affordable housing units the Owner, Developer or Tenant shall be subject to one or more of the following penalties, at the discretion of the court:
 - (d) A fine of not more than \$500.00 per day or imprisonment for a period not to exceed 90 days, or both. Each and every day that the violation continues or exists shall be considered a separate and specific violation of these provisions and not as a continuing offense;
 - (e) In the case of an Owner who has rented his or her affordable unit in violation of the regulations governing affordable housing units, payment into the Borough's affordable housing trust fund of the gross amount of rent illegally collected;
 - (f) In the case of an Owner who has rented his or her affordable unit in violation of the regulations governing affordable housing units, payment of an innocent tenant's reasonable relocation costs, as determined by the Court.
 - (2) The Borough may file a court action in the Superior Court seeking a judgment, which would result in the termination of the Owner's equity or other interest in the unit, in the nature of a mortgage foreclosure. Any judgment shall be enforceable as if the same were a judgment of default of the First Purchase Money Mortgage and shall constitute a lien against the affordable unit.
 - (a) Such judgment shall be enforceable, at the option of the municipality, by means of an execution sale by the Sheriff, at which time the affordable unit of the violating Owner shall be sold at a sale price which is not less than the amount necessary to fully satisfy and pay off any First Purchase Money Mortgage and prior liens and the costs of the enforcement proceedings incurred by the municipality, including attorney's fees. The violating Owner shall have the right to possession terminated as well as the title conveyed pursuant to the Sheriff's sale.
 - (b) The proceeds of the Sheriff's sale shall first be applied to satisfy the First Purchase Money Mortgage lien and any prior liens upon the affordable unit. The excess, if any, shall be applied to reimburse the municipality for any and all costs and expenses incurred in connection with either the court action resulting in the judgment of violation or the Sheriff's sale.

In the event that the proceeds from the Sheriff's sale are insufficient to reimburse the municipality in full as aforesaid, the violating Owner shall be personally responsible for and to the extent of such deficiency, in addition to any and all costs incurred by the municipality in connection with collecting such deficiency. In the event that a surplus remains after satisfying all of the above, such surplus, if any, shall be placed in escrow by the municipality for the Owner and shall be held in such escrow for a maximum period of two years or until such earlier time as the Owner shall make a claim with the municipality for such. Failure of the Owner to claim such balance within the two-year period shall automatically result in a forfeiture of such balance to the municipality. Any interest accrued or earned on such balance while being held in escrow shall belong to and shall be paid to the municipality, whether such balance shall be paid to the Owner or forfeited to the municipality.

- (c) Foreclosure by the municipality due to violation of the regulations governing affordable housing units shall not extinguish the restrictions of the regulations governing affordable housing units as the same apply to the affordable unit. Title shall be conveyed to the purchaser at the Sheriff's sale, subject to the restrictions and provisions of the regulations governing the affordable housing unit. The Owner determined to be in violation of the provisions of this plan and from whom title and possession were taken by means of the Sheriff's sale shall not be entitled to any right of redemption.
- (d) If there are no bidders at the Sheriff's sale, or if insufficient amounts are bid to satisfy the First Purchase Money Mortgage and any prior liens, the municipality may acquire title to the affordable unit by satisfying the First Purchase Money Mortgage and any prior liens and crediting the violating owner with an amount equal to the difference between the First Purchase Money Mortgage and any prior liens and costs of the enforcement proceedings, including legal fees and the maximum resale price for which the affordable unit could have been sold under the terms of the regulations governing affordable housing units. This excess shall be treated in the same manner as the excess which would have been realized from an actual sale as previously described.
- (e) Failure of the affordable unit to be either sold at the Sheriff's sale or acquired by the municipality shall obligate the Owner to accept an offer to purchase from any qualified purchaser which may be referred to the Owner by the municipality, with such offer to purchase being equal to the maximum resale price of the affordable unit as permitted by the regulations governing affordable housing units.
- (f) The Owner shall remain fully obligated, responsible and liable for complying with the terms and restrictions of governing affordable housing units until such time as title is conveyed from the Owner.

§39-21 Appeals.

Appeals from all decisions of an Administrative Agent designated pursuant to this chapter shall be filed in writing with the Court, COAH, or a successor entity.

§39-22 Reporting and monitoring requirements.

- A. On the first anniversary of the execution of the Borough's settlement agreement with Fair Share Housing Center Re: In the Matter of the Borough of Park Ridge, County of Bergen, Docket No. BER-L-6030-15, which was executed by the Borough on December 1, 2020, and every anniversary thereafter through the end of the period of protection from litigation referenced in said agreement, the Borough shall provide annual reporting of its Affordable Housing Trust Fund activity to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Council on Affordable Housing or Division of Local Government Services, or other entity designated by the State of New Jersey, with a copy provided to Fair Share Housing Center and posted on the municipal website, using forms developed for this purpose by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Council on Affordable Housing or Division of Local Government Services. The reporting shall include an accounting of all Affordable Housing Trust Fund activity, including the source and amount of funds collected and the amount and purpose for which any funds have been expended.
- B. On the first anniversary of the execution of the Borough's settlement agreement with Fair Share Housing Center Re: In the Matter of the Borough of Park Ridge, County of Bergen, Docket No. BER-L-6030-15, which was executed by the Borough on December 1, 2020, and every anniversary thereafter through the end of this agreement, the Borough shall provide annual reporting of the status of all affordable housing activity within the Borough through posting on the municipal website, with copies provided to Fair Share Housing Center, using forms previously developed for this purpose by the Council on Affordable Housing or any other forms endorsed by the court-appointed special master and Fair Share Housing Center.
- C. For the midpoint realistic opportunity review due on July 1, 2020, as required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-313, the Borough shall post on its municipal website, with copies provided to Fair Share Housing Center, a status report as to its implementation of its affordable housing plan and an analysis of whether any unbuilt sites or unfulfilled mechanisms continue to present a realistic opportunity. Such posting shall invite any interested party to submit comments to the Borough, with copies provided to Fair Share Housing Center, regarding whether any sites no longer present a realistic opportunity and should be replaced. Any interested party may, by motion, request a hearing before the Court regarding these issues.
- D. For the review of very low income housing requirements required by N.J.S.A. 52:27D-329.1, within 30 days of the third anniversary of the execution of the Borough's settlement agreement with Fair Share Housing Center Re: In the Matter of the Borough of Park Ridge, County of Bergen, Docket No. BER-L-6030-15, which was executed by the Borough on December 1, 2020, and every third year thereafter, the Borough shall post on its municipal website, with copies provided to Fair Share Housing Center, a status report as to its satisfaction of its very low income requirements, including the family very low income requirements referenced herein. Such posting shall invite any interested party to submit comments to the Borough, with copies provided to Fair Share Housing Center, on the issue of whether the municipality has complied with its very low income housing obligation.

SECTION 2. Chapter 101, Sections § 101-46, "Affordability Controls," and § 101-47, "Affirmative Marketing Within Inclusionary Development," of the Borough Code are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. Chapter 101, Article XIA, "Administration of Affordable Housing Program," of the Borough Code is hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. All other Ordinances of the Borough of Park Ridge, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 5. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

Adopted ____/____/____ on roll call vote as follows:

	Introduced	Seconded	AYES	NAYES	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Capilli						
Cozzi						
Epstein						
Fenwick						
Ferguson						
Metzdorf						

APPROVED:

KEITH J. MISCIAGNA, MAYOR

Attest:

Magdalena Giandomenico
Borough Clerk