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### MEMORANDUM

**To:** RMP Amendment Committee  
**From:** Benjamin L. Spinelli, Esq., Executive Director  
**Subject:** RMP Amendment Committee Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2024  
**Date:** April 17, 2024

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The RMP Amendment Committee met on Monday, April 15, 2024, at 2:00pm via Zoom.

RMP Amendment Committee Members present: Council Chair Richko, Committee Chair Alstede, Members Vohden and Van Abs.

Highlands Council Staff Members present: Gabrielle Gallagher, James Humphries, Maryjude Haddock-Weiler, Neda Hartman, Corey Piasecki, Jocelyn van den Akker, Carole Ann Dicton, Roberta Burkhart, Annette Tagliareni, and Karen Castanhas.

Governor's Authority Unit (GAU): Alexis Franklin, Associate Counsel.

*Committee Chair Alstede opened the meeting at 2:01pm.*

Committee Chair Alstede reported that the committee will review documents to be moved to a public RMP Amendment Committee meeting and considered by the committee to be moved to the full Council. The documents reviewed and discussed were:

- Standards for Warehousing in the New Jersey Highlands Region
- Land Use Capability Zone Map and Technical Report Update
- Proposed Affordable Housing Amendment

#### **Standards for Warehousing in the New Jersey Highlands Region**

Council staff member, Corey Piasecki, Principal Planner, gave an overview on the Standards for Warehousing in the New Jersey Highlands Region amendment. Mr. Piasecki noted that a public 60-day comment period and six public hearings were held for this amendment document. Mr. Piasecki noted that there were no substantial changes to the document.

Committee Chair Alstede asked if committee members had any comments/questions on this amendment document.

There were no comments/questions.

**Land Use Capability Zone (LUCZ) Map and Technical Report Update**

Council staff member, James Humphries, Director of Planning, Science & GIS gave background and an overview of the LUCZ Map and Technical Report Update. Mr. Humphries noted that a public 60-day comment period and six public hearings were held for this amendment document and noted that changes were made to the document regarding:

- Addition of FEMA Flood Hazard Data
- Removal of Public Water Existing Area Served (EAS)

Committee Chair Alstede asked if committee members had any comments/questions on this amendment document.

There were no comments/questions.

**Highlands Affordable Housing – Proposed Amendment**

Mr. Humphries explained that due to the new Fair Share Housing legislation, specific changes to existing RMP goals, policies and objectives and additional guidance for Highlands municipalities are required.

This proposed amendment is one of the three documents to be released by the Highlands Council related to the new legislation. Council staff is recommending that the proposed amendment be released for a 60-day public comment period and six public hearings.

The other two documents (not amendments) to be developed will be:

- Affordable Housing Locational Guidelines
- Highlands Municipal Build Out Instructions & Grant Program

Committee Chair Alstede asked if committee members had any comments/questions on this proposed amendment document.

At this time, there was discussion on process.

Committee Member Van Abs noted that on page 4 of the proposed amendment document (Objective 2B8f) the word “municipalities” should be changed to “municipality’s.”

There were no additional comments/questions.

*The RMP Amendment Committee adjourned at 2:19pm.*