TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 0-21-06

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 54 ENTITLED "LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT," SECTION 54-47 ENTITLED "MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIASON" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Township of Rockaway as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 54 of the Code of the Township of Rockaway, <u>Land Use and Development</u>, Section 54-47, <u>Municipal Housing Liaison</u>, is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

§ 54-47Municipal Housing Liaison.

§ 54-47.1Purpose.

The purpose of this section is to create the administrative mechanisms needed for the execution of Rockaway Township's responsibility to promote and oversee the provision of affordable housing pursuant to the Fair Housing Act of 1985.

§ 54-47.2Definitions.

As used in this section, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT

The entity responsible for administering the affordability controls of some or all units in the affordable housing program, and all units in inclusionary developments, for the Township of Rockaway to ensure that the restricted units under administration are affirmatively marketed and sold or rented, as applicable, only to very-low, low- and moderate-income households.

MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIAISON

The municipal employee duly designated by the governing body with the responsibility for monitoring, reporting oversight and general administration of the affordable housing program for the Township of Rockaway.

§ 54-47.3Establishment of Municipal Housing Liaison position and compensation; powers and duties.

- A. Establishment of position of Municipal Housing Liaison. There is hereby established the position of Municipal Housing Liaison for the Township of Rockaway.
- B. Subject to the approval of the Special Master, the Municipal Housing Liaison shall be appointed by the governing body and may be a full- or part-time municipal employee.
- C. The Municipal Housing Liaison shall be responsible for monitoring, reporting, oversight and general administration of the affordable housing program for the Township of Rockaway, including the following responsibilities which may not be contracted out to an administrative agent:
 - (1) Serving as Rockaway Township'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 Rockaway Township's Housing Element and Fair Share Plan;
 - (3) Compiling, verifying and publishing on the Township's website all monitoring reports;
 - (4) Coordinating meetings with affordable housing providers and the administrative agent(s) as applicable; and
 - (5) Attending continuing education programs as required to obtain and maintain certification as a Municipal Housing Liaison.
- D. Rockaway Township may contract with or authorize a consultant, authority, government or any agency charged by the governing body, which entity shall have the responsibility of administering the affordable housing program of Rockaway Township. If Rockaway Township contracts with another entity to administer all or any part of the affordable housing program, including the affordability controls and affirmative marketing plan, the Municipal Housing Liaison shall supervise the contracting administrative agent.

E. Compensation. Compensation shall be fixed by the governing body as part of its annual salary ordinance.

Section 2. Any and all other ordinances or parts thereof in conflict or inconsistent with any of the terms hereof are hereby repealed to such extent as they are so in conflict or inconsistent.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

CERTIFICATION

I, Christina Clipperton, RMC, Clerk of the Township of Rockaway, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an Ordinance introduced by the Township Council of the Township of Rockaway at a duly convened meeting held on March 23,2021 and adopted at a duly convened meeting held on March 23,2021

Michael Puzio

Mayor

Christina Clipperton

Township Clerk

Approved:

Joe Jackson

Council President