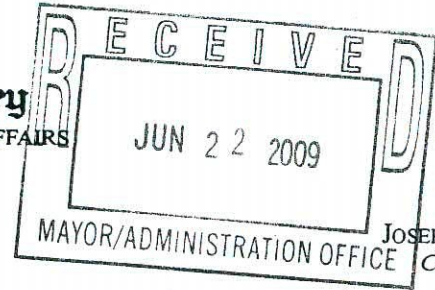




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Dear Highlands Mayor:

It has come to the attention of the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) that confusion exists regarding the jurisdiction of Housing Elements and Fair Share Plans submitted under the Fair Housing Act by municipalities in the Highlands Region. Please be aware that Housing Elements and Fair Share Plans submitted are under the sole jurisdiction of either COAH or the Superior Court, if applicable, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-313. COAH has sole responsibility under the Fair Housing Act to review a petition and issue substantive certification, which is a final agency action, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:27D-314.

It has also come to COAH's attention that there is additional confusion regarding the possible release of different projections for municipalities that do not opt in to the Highlands Regional Master Plan. COAH does not contemplate issuing different projections. Please refer to COAH's third round rules, (N.J.A.C. 5:96 and 5:97) adopted October 20, 2008, for projections as well as adjustment procedures, if applicable.

If you have any questions regarding the submission of a third round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan or any other COAH-related matters, please make sure you contact COAH directly. COAH's Executive Director, Lucy Vandenberg, can be reached at 609-292-4532.

Sincerely,

Joseph V. Doria, Jr.
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