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**VIA EMAIL ONLY**

August 12, 2009

Dear Mayor:

Today, the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) further extended the deadline for municipalities in the Highlands Region that have already requested an extension for submission of a petition for substantive certification, from December 8, 2009 to June 8, 2010. You are being sent this letter because your municipality was previously granted an extension until December 8, 2009.

Also today, COAH adopted Guidance for Municipalities that Conform to the Highlands Regional Master Plan, along with a waiver from N.J.A.C. 5:97-2.3(a), 2.4, and Appendix F for municipalities that petition COAH for substantive certification and petition the Highlands Council to conform with the Highlands Regional Master Plan by June 8, 2010. Instead of using COAH's projections in Appendix F, your municipality may use the buildout capacity procedures developed by the Highlands Council along with the actual growth that has occurred from 2004 through 2008 for the purpose of calculating the projected growth share obligation. The Guidance document sets for the procedure for utilizing the buildout numbers.

Copies of both resolutions and the guidance document are available on COAH's website at <http://www.nj.gov/dca/affiliates/coah/regulations/highlands.html>.

COAH is committed to assisting your municipality in its preparation of a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan that addresses the affordable housing need in the Highlands Region, while still considering the environmental constraints of the Highlands Regional Master Plan. If you or your planning professionals need assistance or have questions over the coming months, please do not hesitate to contact COAH staff.

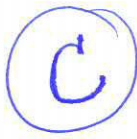
Thank you for committing to participate in COAH's process, and more importantly for making a commitment to the provision of affordable housing in New Jersey.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lucy L Vandenberg".

Lucy Vandenberg  
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cc: Municipal Clerk  
Municipal Housing Liaison



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**To:** COAHAdmin  
**Cc:** COAHAdmin  
**Subject:** COAH Information for Highlands municipalities

Dear Mayor, Clerk, and Municipal Housing Liaison –

Please see the attached letter, being sent by email only.

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