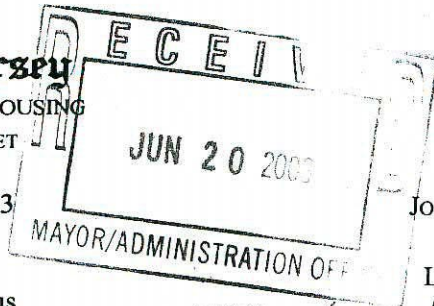




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Upcoming Seminars on COAH's Revised Third Round Rules

Dear Municipal Official:

On May 6, 2008, the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) adopted revised third round affordable housing regulations. These revised regulations, specifically N.J.A.C. 5:96 (Third Round Procedural Rules) and N.J.A.C. 5:97 (Third Round Substantive Rules) became effective on June 2, 2008. Additionally, as a result of the over 4,800 public comments received regarding the new rules, the Council also voted on a series of amendments. The amendments were published in the June 16, 2008 New Jersey Register and are available for public comment until August 15, 2008. The Council expects to vote on the amendments in September 2008.

In an effort to familiarize local officials with the new regulations, COAH has scheduled a series of general and technical seminars throughout New Jersey. There will be six general seminars, one in each COAH region, beginning on June 24, 2008. The general seminars will take place from 6:00-8:00 PM and are intended for mayors, governing body members, planning board members and the general public. The four technical seminars, scheduled to begin July 22, 2008, are more intensive sessions lasting from 8:30 AM until 4:00 PM. The technical seminars are designed to be most beneficial to town planners, professional consultants and other individuals directly involved in preparing the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan.

The enclosed flyers provide dates and locations for all the seminars. We hope you will be able to attend one or more of the sessions. Please note that the sessions are not public hearings. These are informational sessions to acquaint you with the revised regulations and to provide guidance on the preparation of Fair Share Plans consistent with COAH's new rules.

Sincerely,

Lucy Voorhoeve
Executive Director



Information Sessions on the Revised Third Round Rules



Each session will cover such topics as:

- The COAH Process
- COAH's Third Round Requirements
- Elements of a petition for substantive certification
- Types of affordable housing eligible for COAH credit

Each session will also allow time for Q&A and discussion with COAH Staff.

For more information call
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COAH will be hosting six regional information sessions for municipal officials, attorneys and interested persons.

The sessions will provide an overview of COAH's revised third round rules, effective June 2, 2008, and the pending amendments, proposed June 16, 2008.

Dates and Locations:

(check COAH's website for directions)
All sessions are from 6 pm - 8 pm

Tuesday, June 24, 2008

Gloucester County Library
389 Wolfert Station Road
Mullica Hill, NJ

Thursday, June 26, 2008

Warren County Technical School
Performing Arts Center
1500 Route 57
Washington, NJ

Tuesday, July 1, 2008

Ocean County Library
Mancini Hall
101 Washington Street
Toms River, NJ

Wednesday, July 9, 2008

Wayne Public Library
461 Valley Road
Wayne, NJ

Monday, July 14, 2008

East Brunswick Public Library
Meeting Rooms 2 and 3
2 Jean Walling Civic Center
East Brunswick, NJ

Monday, July 21, 2008

Atlantic County Library
40 Farragut Avenue
Mays Landing, NJ

Registration is NOT required.

Seminars: How to Prepare a Third Round Plan



COAH will be hosting four all-day technical seminars throughout New Jersey to educate professional planners, municipal officials, and attorneys responsible for preparing third round Housing Elements and Fair Share Plans in response to COAH's revised third round rules which became effective on June 2, 2008.

Each seminar will cover such topics as:

The revised growth share methodology
Developing a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan
Required elements of a petition for substantive certification,
including the new application format

REGISTER NOW!

Register by sending your name, organization and seminar date to
COAHmail@dca.state.nj.us.

There is no cost to attend the seminars and lunch will NOT be provided

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If you should have any questions about the seminars, please contact Larissa DeGraw at (609) 292-3000 x 244.

Dates and Locations:

(check COAH's website for directions)
Registration will be from 8:30 am – 9 am.
Each session will run from 9 am – 4 pm with a one hour lunch break from 12 pm – 1 pm.

Tuesday, July 22, 2008
Monmouth County "Ag Building"
Conference Room
4000 Kozloski Road
Freehold, NJ 07728

Monday, July 28, 2008
Hunterdon County Route 12 Complex
Building #1
Flemington, NJ

Wednesday, July 30, 2008
Burlington County Human Services Building
795 Woodlane Road
Lecture Halls A and B
Mount Holly, NJ

Monday, August 4, 2008
Meadowlands Environment Center
2 DeKorte Park Plaza
Lyndhurst, NJ