BOROUGH OF AVALON CAPE MAY COUNTY NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 875-2024

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 1.0 % unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Avalon in the County of Cape May finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2024 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby determines that a 1.0% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$448,712.15 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Borough Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Avalon, in the County of Cape May, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2024 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Avalon shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 1.0%, amounting to \$448,712.15, and that the CY 2024 municipal budget for the Borough of Avalon be approved and adopted in accordance with this Ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE

The Ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed on first reading of the Municipal Council of the Borough of Avalon on March 13, 2024. It will be further considered for second reading, public hearing and final adoption at a meeting of said Council to be held on the 10th day of April, 2024 in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Building, Avalon, New Jersey at 4:00 pm and during the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of said Ordinance will be made available at the Clerk's Office in said Municipal Building to the members of the general public who shall request the same.

C. DANIELLE NOLLETT Borough Clerk