

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-03

**CALENDAR YEAR 2024
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION
LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

WHEREAS, Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.5% 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 Township Committee of the Township of Washington in the County of Warren 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 Township Committee hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$209,424.19 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee 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 Township Committee of the Township of Washington, in the County of Warren, 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 Township of Washington shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$209,424.19 and that the CY 2024 municipal budget for the Township of Washington be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance.

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.

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.

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 IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced to pass on the first reading at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Washington held on March 20, 2024 and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a regular meeting of the Township Committee to be held on April 17, 2024 at 6:30 pm or as soon thereafter as the Township Committee may hear this Ordinance at the Municipal Building, 211 State Route 31 North, Washington, New Jersey at which time all persons interested may appear for or against the passage of said Ordinance.

Adoption: Motion by Fiore; Seconded by Rossi

Ayes: Fiore, Rossi, Kovacs, Willan, Klingel

Nays: None

Absent: None

Ann Kilduff, RMC
Township Clerk