

Township of Delaware Ordinance No. 2024-01

CALENDAR YEAR 2024 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.4)

WHEREAS, the 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 up 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 Governing body of the Township of Delaware in the County of Hunterdon 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 Governing body hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$42,588.16 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Governing body 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 Governing body of Township of Delaware, in the County of Hunterdon, 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 Delaware shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$149,058.58, and that the CY 2024 municipal budget for the Township of Delaware 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.

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ATTEST:

Diana Rumage Acting Clerk

First Reading/Introduction: February 12, 2024

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Second Reading/Adoption: March 11, 2024 Published: March 14, 2024

Adoption of Ordinance 2024-01 - Roll Call Vote						
Township Committee	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
David Bond						\times
Chad Bower	×		×			
Susan Lockwood		×	×	395		
Joseph Vocke			×	400		
James Waltman, Mayor			×			

I hereby certify that the attached ordinance is a true and correct copy of an ordinance entitled CALENDAR YEAR 2024 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.4) which was introduced at the meeting of the Township of Delaware Township Committee on February 12, 2024 and adopted at the meeting of the Township of Delaware Township Committee on March 11, 2024.

Diana Rumage
Diana Rumage, Acting Clerk