## ORDINANCE 2024-01

## ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024

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 to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriation, 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 Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River in the County of Middlesex 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 Mayor and Borough Council hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$493,945.38 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and 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 Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South River, County of Middlesex, 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 Mayor and Borough Council shall, in accordance with this ordinance and <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$493,945.38 and that the CY 2024 municipal budget for the Borough of South River be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriations 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 the said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

This Ordinance shall take effect after final passage, adoption, and publication according to law.

## NOTICE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the foregoing ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of South River, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, held on January 22, 2024, and will be considered for second reading and final passage at the regular meeting of said Governing Body to be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as this matter can be reached, at the Council Chamber of the Criminal Justice Building located at 61 Main Street, South River, New Jersey, and/or virtually via Zoom meeting code 826 6082 9597: password: 000000 at which time all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning this ordinance.

## Introduced 1-22-24

| COUNCIL                    | MOTION | 2ND  | AYES | NAYS | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
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| Councilwoman Balazs        |        |      | X    |      |         |        |
| Councilman Ciulla          |        | ii . | Х    |      |         |        |
| Councilman Dziemian        |        | -    | Х    | y x  |         |        |
| Councilman Gurchensky      |        | Х    | X    |      | .00     | U 1, 1 |
| Councilman Krenzel         |        |      | Х    |      | > V -   |        |
| Council President Oliveira | X      |      | X    |      | 2 2 1 2 | 1/     |

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Adopted 2-12-24

| COUNCIL                    | MOTION | 2ND | AYES | NAYS | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
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| Councilwoman Balazs        |        | Х   | Х    |      | , ,     |        |
| Councilman Ciulla          | Х      |     | Х    | 0    |         |        |
| Councilman Dziemian        | ** *   | *   | Х    |      |         |        |
| Councilman Gurchensky      |        |     | Х    |      |         |        |
| Councilman Krenzel         |        |     | Х    |      |         |        |
| Council President Oliveira |        | 121 | Х    |      |         |        |

ALYSSA HAGER, RMC BOROUGH CLERK

SIGNED BY:

PETER S. GUINDI

ATTESTED BY:

ALYSSA HAGER, RMC