ORDINANCE No. RO-01-23

CALENDAR YEAR 2023

MODEL 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 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 of Washington in the County of Morris finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2023 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 1% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$132,064.60 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 Township of the Washington, in the County of Morris, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2023 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 \$462,226.09, and that the CY 2023 municipal budget for the Township of Washington 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.

ATTEST:	TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OF MORRIS STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Township Official	Matthew T. Murello, Mayor

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Motion was made by <u>Comm. Short</u> , seconded by <u>Comm. Marino</u> , that the foregoing Ordinance was adopted on February 15, 2023.			
Motion was carried	by the following roll call vo	te:	
AYES: NAYS: ABSTENTIONS:	Short, Marino, Wall, May None None	or Murello ABSENT: Roehrich	
CERTIFICATION			
I, Denean Probasco, Township Clerk of the Township of Washington, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of an Ordinance introduced by the Township Committee at a meeting held on February 15, 2023.			
Denean Proba	sco, Township Clerk		