

**TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON
COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE

No. **25-004**

1ST READING April 1, 2025
2ND READING & PUBLIC HEARING April 15, 2025
WITHDRAWN _____ LOST _____

DATE TO MAYOR April 16, 2025
DATE RESUBMITTED TO COUNCIL _____
DATE EFFECTIVE _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

FACTUAL CONTENTS CERTIFIED TO BY

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY

TITLE

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.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 Council of the Township of Hamilton in the County of Mercer finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY2025 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 Council hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$5,003,519.96 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the 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 Council of the Township of Hamilton, in the County of Mercer, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY2025 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Hamilton shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$5,003,519.96 and that the CY2025 municipal budget for the Township of Hamilton 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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PRESIDENT

MUNICIPAL CLERK

RECORD OF VOTE

First Reading							Second Reading						
COUNCIL	AYE	NAY	NV	AB	ORD	SEC	COUNCIL	AYE	NAY	NV	AB	ORD	SEC
ANTHONY P. CARABELLI	✓						ANTHONY P. CARABELLI						
NANCY PHILLIPS	✓					✓	NANCY PHILLIPS						
CHARLES F. WHALEN	✓				✓		CHARLES F. WHALEN						
PASQUALE "PAT" PAPERIO, JR.	✓						PASQUALE "PAT" PAPERIO, JR.						
RICHARD L. TIGHE, JR.	✓						RICHARD L. TIGHE, JR.						

X - Indicates Vote A.B. - Absent N.V. - Not Voting ORD. - Moved SEC. - Seconded

REJECTED _____

JEFFREY S. MARTIN, MAYOR

DATE

APPROVED _____

RECONSIDERED BY COUNCIL _____

OVERRIDE VOTE

AYE _____

NAY _____

EXPLANATION Matter UNDERLINED thus in this legislation is new matter.
Matter contained in **BRACKETS [thus]** is to be omitted from the law.