ORDINANCE O001-2026

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
GLOUCESTER COUNTY

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026 (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.1 seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.0% 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 Council of the Township of Washington in the County of Gloucester finds it advisable and necessary to increase its calendar year 2026 budget 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 Council hereby determines that a 1.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to $636,619.23 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as a 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 Council of the Township of Washington, in the County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the calendar year **2026** budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Washington shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A.: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5% amounting to $1,485,444.87 and that the calendar year 2025 municipal budget for the Township of Washington be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and

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 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.

This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after final passage by Township Council or twenty (20) days after approval by the mayor, whichever comes first.

INTRODUCTION: February 11, 2026

Members	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
Yerkes			X				
Harris	X		X				
Pasqualone			X				
Brown		X	X				
Del Borrello			X				

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

By: _____
Peter Del Borrello, III, Council Vice President

I, Christine Ciallella, do hereby attest the above Ordinance **O001-2026** was introduced at the Township of Washington Meeting on February 11, 2026. A public hearing will occur on February 25, , 2026 at 6:00PM.

ATTEST:

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Christine Ciallella, RMC, CMR
Township Clerk

ADOPTION: February 11, 2026

Members	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Recuse
Yerkes	X		X				
Harris		X	X				
Pasqualone			X				
Brown			X				
Del Borrello						X	

I, Christine Ciallella, do hereby attest the above Ordinance **O001-2026** was adopted at the Township of Washington Meeting on February 11, 2026 by Township Council after a public hearing which was scheduled for February 11, 2026. Said Ordinance shall take effect in accordance with the law.

ATTEST:

Christine Ciallella, RMC, CMR
Township Clerk

On this 25 day of February 2026, I hereby approve the above Ordinance **O001-2026**.

ANTHONY DELLAPIA, MAYOR