

**HARMONY TOWNSHIP
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

O:26-06

CALENDAR YEAR 2025

**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 2.0% 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 Committee of the Township of Harmony in the County of Warren finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2026 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 Township Committee hereby determines that a 2.0% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$33,123.42 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Township Committee 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 Committee of the Township of Harmony, in the County of Warren a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2026 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Harmony shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$57,965.99, and that the CY 2026 municipal budget for the Township of Harmony 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.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading by the Harmony Township Committee as its meeting held on April 7, 2026, which Ordinance shall be given further consideration for final passage following a public hearing to be conducted thereon, at its regular monthly meeting to be held on May 5, 2026 which shall commence at 6:00 p.m. at the Harmony Township Municipal Building, 3003 Belvidere Road, Phillipsburg, New Jersey.

Kelley D. Smith, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Introduction

Roll Call: Ayes: Cornely, Yamrock
 Nays: None
 Abstentions: None

Adoption

Roll Call: Ayes: Tipton, Cornely, Yamrock
 Nays: None
 Abstentions: None