

**TOWNSHIP OF MULLICA
ORDINANCE 02-2026**

**AN ORDINANCE EXCEEDING THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND
ESTABLISHING A CAP BANK IN 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 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 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 governing body of the Township of Mullica, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, 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 Mayor and Committee hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$84,133.68 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 Mullica, County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, that 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 Mullica shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5 %, amounting to \$5,805,224 and that the CY 2026 municipal budget for the Township of Mullica 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 appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing ordinance was introduced and passed at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Mullica, held on February 2, 2026. Ordinance #2-2026 will be further considered for final passage after public hearing at a meeting of said Township Committee to be held in the Mullica Township School, 500 Elwood Road, Elwood, New Jersey, on February 24, 2026, beginning at 7:00 P.M., at which time and place all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance. A copy of this Ordinance is available online and a copy shall be made immediately available at the Township Clerk's Office in the Township Municipal Building located at 4528 S. White Horse Pike, Elwood, New Jersey at no cost to those members of the general public requesting same.

Monica Newton,
Acting Municipal Clerk