TOWNSHIP OF UPPER 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)

ORDINANCE NO. 001-2025

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 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, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 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 Upper in the County of Cape May finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2025 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 of the Township of Upper hereby determines that a 1.0 % increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$134,463.73 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 of the Township of Upper 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 Upper, in the County of Cape May a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2025 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Upper shall, in accordance with this ordinance and <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by **3.5 %**, amounting to **\$470,622.76** and that the CY 2025 municipal budget for the Township of Upper 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.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF UPPER

Joanne R. Herron, Township Clerk

Curtis T. Corson, Jr., Mayor

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED FOR FIRST READING AT A MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER HELD ON THE 10TH DAY OF MARCH, 2025 AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL, AND WAS TAKEN UP FOR CONSIDERATION AS TO FINAL ADOPTION AT A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER HELD ON THE 14TH DAY OF APRIL, 2025 AT 5:30 P.M. AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL, PETERSBURG, NEW JERSEY, AT WHICH TIME SAID ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED.

JOANNE R. HERRON, TOWNSHIP CLERK TOWNSHIP OF UPPER

Legislative History: Introduced: <u>March 10, 2025</u> Publication: <u>March 15, 2025</u> Newspaper(s): <u>Press of Atlantic City</u> Second Reading & Public Hearing: <u>April 14, 2025</u> Final Adoption: <u>April 14, 2025</u> Final Publication Date: <u>April 19, 2025</u>

I certify that the foregoing Ordinance was finally adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Upper on <u>April 14, 2025</u> and notice of adoption was thereafter published pursuant to law in Press of Atlantic City on <u>April 19, 2025</u>.

JOANNE R. HERRON, Township Clerk