

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

ORDINANCE NO. 007-2026

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 Township Committee of the Township of Upper in the County of Cape May 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 of the Township of Upper hereby determines that a **1.0 %** increase in the budget for said year, amounting to **\$142,187.25** 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 2026 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Upper shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by **3.5 %**, amounting to **\$497,655.38** and that the CY 2026 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 9TH DAY OF MARCH, 2026 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 13TH DAY OF APRIL, 2026 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:

Official Website for Legal Notices: <https://uppertownship.com/legal-notice/>

Introduced: March 9, 2026

Notice of Introduction Posted: March 10, 2026

Second Reading and Public Hearing: April 13, 2026

Final Adoption: April 13, 2026

Notice of Final Adoption Posted: April 14, 2026

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was finally adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Upper on April 13, 2026 and the notice of adoption was thereafter posted pursuant to law on the official website of the Township of Upper in the section designated for legal notices on April 14, 2026.

JOANNE R. HERRON, Township Clerk