# TOWNSHIP OF ANDOVER COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

## **ORDINANCE #2025-03**

## 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 2.5% 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 of Andover in the County of Sussex 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 governing body hereby determines that a 1% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$82,415.86 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the governing body 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 of Andover, in the County of Sussex, 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 Andover shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$288,455.51, and that the CY 2025 municipal budget for the Township of Andover 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 OF PENDING ORDINANCE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed at first reading at a Regular Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Andover held on February 6, 2025. A public hearing regarding same will be held at a hybrid meeting scheduled for February 20, 2025 beginning at 7:00PM, to be held both in person and virtually via Zoom, which details for accessing the meeting are as follows:

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87254161139?pwd=clpxquJenStqV2UdGflzG1fTO4q9kD.1

Webinar ID: 872 5416 1139 Passcode: 275014 Phone: +1 305 224 1968

All persons interested both for and against said ordinance shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning same.

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Administrator/Municipal Clerk

### NOTICE OF FINAL ADOPTION

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was adopted at a public hearing held at a Hybrid Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Andover on February 20, 2024. Said Hybrid Meeting was held virtually via Zoom and in person at the Municipal Building, 134 Newton Sparta Road, Newton, NJ 07860, at which time all persons were given the opportunity to be heard concerning same. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication, as required by law.

Patricia L. Bussow, RMC

Administrator/Municipal Clerk