

Introduced: 02/10/2026  
Publication: 02/11/2026  
Public Hearing: 03/10/2026  
Adopted:

**TOWNSHIP OF TEWKSBURY  
HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
ORDINANCE NO. 01-2026**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEWKSBURY, HUNTERDON COUNTY, NEW JERSEY TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS PROVIDING FOR A 3.5% "CAP" FOR THE 2026 BUDGET AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A 40A:4-45.14**

**Statement of Purpose**

The purpose of this ordinance is to exceed the municipal budget appropriation limits providing for a 2.0% "cap" for the 2026 budget and to establish a cap bank pursuant to 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 2.0% 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 the 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 Committee of Tewksbury Township in the County of Hunterdon, 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 1.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$114,289.85, 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 Tewksbury Township, County of Hunterdon, New Jersey, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2026 budget year, the final appropriations of Tewksbury Township shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$266,676.32 and that the CY 2026 municipal budget for Tewksbury Township 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,

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**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 the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days after such adoption.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** the above to be a true copy of an Ordinance introduced by the Township Committee of the Township of Tewksbury at a duly convened meeting held on February 10, 2026 and adopted on \_\_\_\_\_.

Jennifer Ader  
Township Clerk

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**RECORD OF COMMITTEE VOTE**

COMMITTEE	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Melick						
Desiderio						
Frankel						
Maranca						
Voyce						