

**TOWNSHIP OF MAURICE RIVER
COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND**

ORDINANCE NO. 739

CALENDAR YEAR 2024

**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 Committee of the Township of Maurice River in the County of Cumberland finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2024 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 Committee hereby determines that a 3.5 % increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$28,182.84 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Committee hereby determines that any amount authorized herein above 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 Committee of the Township of Maurice River, in the County of Cumberland, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2024 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Maurice River shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$98,639.94, and that the CY 2024 municipal budget for the Township of Maurice River 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.

The above ordinance #739 was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Maurice River on the 18th day of January, 2024, at the Maurice River Township Municipal Hall, 590 Main Street, Leesburg, New Jersey, and will be presented for public hearing and final consideration at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Maurice River to be held on the 15th day of February, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Vote (Introduced Ordinance):	Ayes:	Nays:	Absent:
Whildin	X		
Ashton	X		
Sterling	X		

Vote (Adopted Ordinance):	Ayes:	Nays:	Absent:
Whildin	X		
Ashton	X		
Sterling	X		

TOWNSHIP OF MAURICE RIVER

Denise L. Peterson, Municipal Clerk

Introduced: January 18, 2024

Published: January 30, 2024

Public Hearing: February 15, 2024

Adoption: February 15, 2024

NOA: February 21, 2024