

**VILLAGE OF RIDGEWOOD  
ORDINANCE NO. 3993**

**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 Village Council of the Village of Ridgewood in the County of Bergen 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 Village of Ridgewood hereby determines that a 3.5 % increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$1,625,776.65 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Ridgewood 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 Village of Council of the Village of Ridgewood, in the County of Bergen, 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 Village of Ridgewood shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5 %, amounting to \$1,625,776.65 and that the CY 2024 municipal budget for the Village of Ridgewood 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.

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FOR AFFIRMANCE: Councilmembers: Perron, Reynolds, Weitz, Winograd  
and Mayor Vagianos

NAYS: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
RECUSE: NONE  
Introduction Date: March 13, 2024  
Adoption Date: April 10, 2024  
Effective Date: April 30, 2024



Paul Vagianos, Mayor

ATTEST:



Heather A. Mailander  
Village Clerk