

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,876,278, OR SUCH OTHER AMOUNT CERTIFIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES, FOR THE PURPOSES SET FORTH IN N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53(L) AND/OR N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53(M), IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Township of West Orange, in the County of Essex, New Jersey (the "Township") hereby appropriates an aggregate amount of \$7,876,278 to provide for (i) the immediate preparation, response, recovery, and restoration of public services during such time as a public health emergency, pursuant to the "Emergency Health Powers Act," P.L.2005, c.222 (C.26:13-1 et seq.), declared in response to COVID-19 remains in effect, in the amount of \$0, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53(l) and (ii) a deficit in operations experienced by the Township during fiscal year 2020, in which a public health emergency pursuant to the "Emergency Health Powers Act," P.L.2005, c.222 (C.26:13-1 et seq.), or a state of emergency, pursuant to P.L.1942, c.251 (C.App.A:9-33 et seq.), or both, has been declared by the Governor in response to COVID 19, in the amount of \$7,876,278, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53(m). The appropriation authorized hereby shall be in the individual and aggregate amounts set forth herein or such other amounts as certified by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey (the "Director").

Section 2. The Township shall apply for any financial assistance that may be available to the Township from the federal government, the State of New Jersey, and other sources to offset any operating deficit directly attributable to COVID-19, and any such financial assistance obtained by the Township shall be utilized to offset any operating deficit.

Section 3. A copy of this ordinance as finally adopted shall be filed with the Director.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect upon the latter of (i) the date determined by applicable law or (ii) the earlier of (a) the date the Director approves in writing the application submitted by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township for approval of the special emergency authorized hereby (the "Application") and (b) the date that is 45 days (or the first business day following such 45th day, if applicable) following the date the Chief Financial Officer submits the Application to the Director.

Robert D. Parisi, Mayor

Michelle Casalino, Council President

**Karen J. Carnevale, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk**

Introduced: November 10, 2020

Adopted : November 24, 2020