

**LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP  
SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**ORDINANCE 2026-07**

**CALENDAR YEAR 2026  
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 (2) succeeding years; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette in the County of Sussex 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 health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee hereby determines that a 1% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$24,037.07 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 (2) succeeding years.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette in the County of Sussex, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring that in the CY 2026 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Lafayette shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$56,086.49, and that the CY 2026 municipal budget for the Township of Lafayette 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 (2) 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 five (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 five (5) days after such adoption.

**NOTICE**

The above-entitled Ordinance was introduced and passed at first reading by the Lafayette Township Committee at a meeting held on March 17, 2026 and after publication and a public hearing was finally adopted by the Lafayette Township Committee at a meeting held on April 7, 2026.

Mayor:

Municipal Clerk: