

**NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE
TOWNSHIP OF BERLIN
COUNTY OF CAMDEN
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**ORDINANCE 2026-2
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.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 up 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 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 Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin in the County of Camden 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 Mayor and Council hereby determines that a 1.5 % increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$145,782.27 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin 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 Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin, in the County of Camden, 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 Berlin shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5 %, amounting to \$340,158.63, and that the CY 2026 municipal budget for the Township of Berlin 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.

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin, Camden County, New Jersey on March 16, 2026, and the same was ordered published pursuant to statute. Said ordinance will be further considered for final adoption at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Berlin on April 20, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. at the Berlin Township Municipal Hall, 135 Route 73 South, West Berlin, NJ.08091, at which time all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance.

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