

ORDINANCE 2021- 6

**ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE 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 to 2.5% or the Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA), 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, in any year in which the COLA is equal to or less than 2.5%, 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 Township Council of the Township of Willingboro in the County of Burlington finds it advisable and necessary to increase its 2021 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 Township Council hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$ 1,236,173.41 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council 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 Township Council of the Township of Willingboro, in the County of Burlington, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the 2021 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Willingboro shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5% amounting to \$ 1,236,173.41 and that the 2021 municipal budget for the Township of Willingboro 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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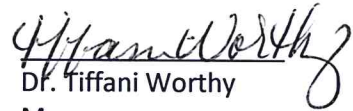
FIRST READING MARCH 2, 2021

<b>Councilmember</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Recuse</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<i>Councilman Anderson</i>							X
<i>Councilwoman Perrone</i>			X				
<i>Councilwoman Whitfield</i>	X		X				
<i>Deputy Mayor McIntosh</i>		X	X				
<i>Mayor Worthy</i>			X				

FINAL READING – MARCH 16, 2021

<b>Councilmember</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Recuse</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<i>Councilman Anderson</i>			x				
<i>Councilwoman Perrone</i>			x				
<i>Councilwoman Whitfield</i>	x		x				
<i>Deputy Mayor McIntosh</i>			x				
<i>Mayor Worthy</i>		x	x				

  
 Brenda Bligen, MBA  
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 Mayor