

TOWNSHIP OF MILLSTONE  
ORDINANCE NO.: 26-01

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% 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 Committee of the Township of Millstone in the County of Monmouth 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 Committee hereby determines that a 1.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$83,929.93 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the 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 succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Committee of the Township of Millstone, in the County of Monmouth, 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 Committee shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$195,836.51, and that the CY 2026 municipal budget for the Township of Millstone 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.

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT:** This Ordinance authorizes an increase to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations.

**PUBLIC NOTICE:** This Ordinance was introduced on first reading at the Township Committee meeting on January 7, 2026, wherein a public hearing on the Ordinance will be held on January 21, 2026 at 8:00 p.m. at the Township of Millstone, Municipal Court, Meeting Room, located at 215 Millstone Road, Millstone Township, NJ 08535 or at any meeting to which that meeting may be adjourned, at which time all persons who may be interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard. A copy of the Ordinance is available, without charge, at the Township of Millstone Municipal Clerk's office, 470 Stage Coach Road, Millstone Township, NJ 08510, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. It is also available on our website at [www.millstonenj.gov](http://www.millstonenj.gov). Kathleen Hart, Municipal Clerk