

**BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ORDINANCE 26-2666 - AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET
APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK**

was introduced at a Public Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bergenfield on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 and will be further considered for final passage after public hearing at a meeting of the Mayor and Council to be held in the Council Chamber of the Bergenfield Borough Hall on the 3rd Floor, at 198 North Washington Avenue in Bergenfield on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 8:00 p.m. prevailing time, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard.

A clear and concise statement is to increase the CY 2026 municipal budget appropriation limits by a 1.5% increase amounting to \$537,558 as set forth in the ordinance.

A copy of this ordinance may be obtained without cost between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the office of the Borough Clerk, 198 North Washington Avenue, Bergenfield, New Jersey or accessed on the Borough Website at www.Bergenfieldnj.gov.

Marie Quiñones-Wilson, RMC
Borough Clerk
April 8, 2026

**BOROUGH OF BERGENFIELD,
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
CALENDAR YEAR 2026
ORDINANCE 26-2666 – AN 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 Governing Body of the Borough of Bergenfield in the County of Bergen 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 Governing Body hereby determines that a 1.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$ 537,558 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Governing Body 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 Governing Body of the Borough of Bergenfield, in the County of Bergen, 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 Borough of Bergenfield shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$1,254,302, and that the CY 2026 municipal budget for the Borough of Bergenfield 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.

Introduced by _____

Approved _____, 2026

Seconded by _____