

TOWNSHIP OF VERONA
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE No. 2024-__

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.A. 40A:4-45.1 et seq.*, provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said 2024 budget 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 succeeding years; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2024 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 2.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$490,680.45 in excess of the increase in final appropriations of an additional 1% amounting to \$196,272.18 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 Verona, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2024 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Verona shall, in accordance with this ordinance and *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14*, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$686,952.63, and that the CY 2024 Municipal Budget for the Township of Verona be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance.

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.

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.

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.

ATTEST:

JENNIFER KIERNAN
MUNICIPAL CLERK

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE AFOREMENTIONED ORDINANCE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE STAR LEDGER, A NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX AND CIRCULATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA, IN THE XXX ISSUE AND XXXX ISSUE.

JENNIFER KIERNAN
MUNICIPAL CLERK

INTRODUCTION:
PUBLIC HEARING:
EFFECTIVE DATE:

TOWNSHIP OF VERONA
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION No. 2024-__

A motion was made by _____ ; seconded by _____ that the following resolution be adopted:

CERTIFYING THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA’S
COMPLIANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5* as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit’s hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission’s “Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964,” *as amended*, 42 U.S.C. § 2000 *et seq.*, (April 25, 2012) before submitting its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, by affirmatively voting for the passage of this Resolution, the members of the Township Council are certifying that they have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidelines and with their local unit’s hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual’s criminal history.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, hereby states that it has complied with *N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5*, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit’s hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution evidencing said compliance shall be on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk and available for inspection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Council’s certification shall be transmitted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs within three days after approval, together with the approved budget.

ROLL CALL:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 11, 2024.

JENNIFER KIERNAN
MUNICIPAL CLERK

TOWNSHIP OF VERONA
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION No. 2024-__

A motion was made by _____ ; seconded by _____ that the following resolution be adopted:

INTRODUCTION OF THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget of the Township of Verona for the 2024 calendar year.

| General Appropriations: | Year 2024 |
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| 1. Appropriations within "CAPS" (H-1 Sheet 19) | \$ 20,684,442.00 |
| 2. Appropriations excluded from "CAPS" (H-2 Sheet 28) | \$ 5,768,497.69 |
| 3. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (M-Sheet 29) | <u>\$ 1,800,000.00</u> |
| 4. Total General Appropriations (Item 9, Sheet 29) | \$ 28,252,939.69 |
| 5. Less: Anticipated Revenues Other than Current Property Tax (Item 5, Sheet 11) | \$ (9,428,850.04) |
| 6. Less: Minimum Library Tax (Item 6(c), Sheet 11) | <u>\$ (1,048,530.00)</u> |
| 7. Difference: Amount to be raised by Taxes for support of the Municipal Budget (as follows) (a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes (Item 6(a), Sheet 11) | \$ 17,775,559.65 |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Budget will be published in the Monday, March 19, 2024 edition of the Star Ledger.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Verona does hereby approve the preceding as the Budget for the 2024 year:

A Hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held both in-person and via a Zoom video conference on April 8, 2024 at 7 o'clock p.m. at which time and place discussions to said Budget and Tax Resolution for 2024 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

<https://zoom.us/j/95262662770>

Via telephone, please dial 1(312)626-6799 or 1(646)558-8656

Use Zoom Meeting ID: 952-6266-2770, when prompted for a Participant ID, press #

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that A copy of the 2024 Municipal Budget and tax resolution will be available at no cost during regular business hours by contacting the Municipal Clerk's Office at 973-857-4770 or visiting the Township's website at www.veronanj.org/budgetinfo for the members of the general public who shall request the same up to and including the time when the Township Council shall further consider this for final passage. All persons interested in the proposed budget will have an opportunity to address the Township Council during the aforementioned public hearing.

ROLL CALL:

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