

**MONROE TOWNSHIP, MIDDLESEX COUNTY**

**ORDINANCE NO.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDINANCE OF THE MONROE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS  
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK**

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**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 1.5% 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 Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, finds it advisable and necessary to increase its **CY 2015** 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 **2.0%** increase in the budget for said year, amounting to **\$690,531.36** 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 hereinbelow 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 Monroe, in the County of Middlesex, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** In the **CY 2015** budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Monroe shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to **\$1,208,429.88**, and that the **CY 2015** municipal budget for the Township of Monroe be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and

**SECTION 2.** 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

**SECTION 3.** A certified copy of this ordinance, as introduced, be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within five days of introduction; and

**SECTION 4.** 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.

**SECTION 5.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be the same and are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 6.** If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of the Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

**SECTION 7.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as provided by law.

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GERALD W. TAMBURRO, Council President

**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Monroe Township Council held on April 6, 2015. Said Ordinance will again be read and considered for final passage at a meeting of the Monroe Township Council to be held on May 4, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Complex, 1 Municipal Plaza, Monroe Township, New Jersey. At said time and place all persons having an interest in the foregoing ordinance will be granted an opportunity to be heard concerning the same prior to consideration for final passage by the Council.

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SHARON DOERFLER, Township Clerk

RECORDED VOTE							
COUNCIL	MOTION	2 <sup>ND</sup>	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSE
Councilman Dalina							
Councilman Leibowitz							
Councilwoman Schneider							
Council V. President Koppel							
Council President Tamburro							

**MAYORAL APPROVAL**

Pursuant to the Optional Municipal Charter Law of 1950 and Section 3-9 of the Monroe Township Code, my approval of this Ordinance is effected by the affixing of my signature hereto.

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RICHARD PUCCI, Mayor

Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_