

ORDINANCE 2026-1

CALENDAR YEAR 2026

**MODEL 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 Township Committee of the Township of Franklin in the County of Warren 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 Township Committee hereby determines that a 1.5 % increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$ 22,272.08 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Township 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 Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, in the County of Warren, 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 Township of Franklin shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$51,968.18, and that the CY 2026 municipal budget for the Township of Franklin be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading on the 2nd day of March 2026, at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin and will be taken up for final consideration and passage at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Franklin to be held on the 6th day of April 2026, at the Municipal Building, 2093 Route 57, Broadway, New Jersey.

Denise L. Becton

Denise L. Becton, Clerk

Introduced: March 2, 2026

Adopted: April 6, 2026

On motion by Deputy Mayor Butler and seconded by Committeeperson Toretta the aforementioned Ordinance 2026-1 be adopted as read. Final reading and adoption to take place on April 6, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. on or near that hour.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstain
Bonnie Butler	X		
Rich Herzer	X		
David Guth	X		
Mike Toretta	X		
Sarah Payne, Mayor	X	(5) Yes	(0) No (0) Absent/Abstained

On motion by Deputy Mayor Butler and seconded by Committeeperson Toretta the aforementioned Ordinance 2026-1 be adopted as read.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstain
Bonnie Butler	X		
Rich Herzer	X		
David Guth			X
Mike Toretta	X		
Sarah Payne, Mayor	X		

CERTIFICATION

I, Denise L. Becton, Registered Municipal Clerk of the Township of Franklin, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance introduced by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin at their regular meeting held on March 2, 2026. Second reading, a public hearing will be held on April 6, 2026, at or near 7:00 PM in the Franklin Township Municipal Building, 2093 Rt. 57, Broadway, New Jersey.

Denise L. Becton

Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk