

**BOROUGH OF PALISADES PARK
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE # 2026-21

**CALENDAR YEAR 2026 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED
THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE
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 to 2.5%, or the cost of living adjustment, whichever is less, unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, the cost of living adjustment for calendar year 2026 budgets is calculated at 2.0% pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.2; 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 Palisades Park 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 of said year, amounting to \$330,986 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 Palisades Park, 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 Palisades Park shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by up to 3.5%, amounting to \$772,302, and that the CY 2026 municipal budget for the Borough of Palisades Park 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 Council Donohue

Approved: X

Seconded by Council Kwak

Roll Call by Council Donohue – Yes

Council Kwak – Yes

Council Lee – Yes

Council Min - No

Council Shin – Yes

Council Won-Yoon - Yes

ATTEST:

Sophia H. Jang, Borough Clerk

Chong Paul Kim, Mayor

First Reading: June 23, 2026

Second Reading: July 21, 2026

It is hereby certified that this is a true copy of the ordinance 2026-21 introduced and adopted at the first reading by the Governing Body of the Borough of Palisades Park, County of Bergen on the 23rd day of June, 2026

Borough Clerk