

ORDINANCE 2025-05

**ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK AUTHORIZED BY THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, COUNTY OF OCEAN. (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 2.5% 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 following two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Surf City in the County of Ocean finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2025 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 Borough Council hereby determines that a 3.5 % increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$256,984.98 over the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough 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 following two succeeding years.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Surf City, in the County of Ocean, a majority of the full authorized membership of this Governing Body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2025 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Surf City shall, per this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5 %, amounting to \$256,984.98, and that the CY 2025 Municipal Budget for the Borough of Surf City be approved and adopted per 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.

SECTION III

If any word, phrase, clause, section, or provision of this ordinance shall be found by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable, illegal, or unconstitutional, such word, phrase, clause, section, or provision shall be severable from the balance of the ordinance and the remainder of the ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION IV

According to law, this ordinance shall take effect immediately after final adoption.

NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on the first reading at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Surf City, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

Further notice is given that said Ordinance will be considered for final passage and adoption after a public hearing, to be held at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 813 Long Beach Blvd., Surf City, New Jersey, at which time and place, any person desiring to be heard upon the same will be allowed to be so heard. Complete copies are available in the Municipal Clerk's office during regular business hours.

CHRISTINE HANNEMAN, RMC/CMR/QPA

Municipal Clerk/Administrator

Introduction 4/09/2025

Method	Approved			Denied	Carried		
	Roll Call						
Council Member	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Note
DeBenedetto						✓	
Hartney		✓	✓				
Wm. Hodgson	✓		✓				
Lieber						✓	
Little			✓				
Siciliano			✓				

Adopted 5/14/2025

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