

NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that at a meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Plainfield held on March 9, 2026 there was introduced and read for the first time, and passed on such first reading, an ordinance, a true copy whereof is printed below and that said Council did then and there fix the regular meeting of said Council to be held on March 23, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, and the North Plainfield Borough Council Chambers, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey or via Zoom as the place when and where said ordinance will be further considered for final passage, at which time and place, or at any time and place to which such meeting shall from time to time be adjourned, all persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance.

The said ordinance as introduced and passed on first reading as aforesaid is in the following words and figures:

BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD
263 SOMERSET STREET
NORTH PLAINFIELD, NJ 07060-4846

ORDINANCE NO. 26-04

CALENDAR YEAR 2026 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 budget to 2.0% 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 Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield in the County of Somerset 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 Borough Council hereby determines that a 1.5 % increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$397,952.03 in excess of 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 next two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of North Plainfield, in the County of Somerset, 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 North Plainfield shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5 %, amounting to \$928,554.74, and that the CY 2026 municipal budget for the Borough of North Plainfield 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,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect, after final passage, twenty (20) days following action or inaction by the Mayor as provided by law or an override of a mayoral veto by the Council, whichever is applicable and publication in accordance with law, unless a Resolution is adopted, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 40:69A-181(b)*, declaring an emergency and providing that this Ordinance shall take effect at an earlier date.

Copies of the full Ordinance are on file with the Acting Borough Clerk of the Borough of North Plainfield in the Municipal Building, 263 Somerset Street, North Plainfield, New Jersey. Copies may be obtained upon request and a copy is posted on the Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building reserved for such purpose.

Michele Irby-Garry
Acting Borough Clerk