

**BOROUGH OF HAMBURG**  
**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)**  
**ORDINANCE 01-2026**

**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 Borough of Hamburg in the County of Sussex 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 for said year, amounting to \$51,131.09 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 Borough of Hamburg, in the County of Sussex, 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 Hamburg shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$119,305.87, and that the CY 2026 municipal budget for the Borough of Hamburg 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.

**CERTIFICATION**

NOTICE is hereby given that the above ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading of a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Hamburg, held on Monday, January 5,

2026 at 7 p.m. and will be considered for a final passage at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council to be held on Monday, February 2, 2026 at 7 p.m. or as soon thereafter as same can be considered, in the Municipal Building, 16 Wallkill Avenue, Hamburg, New Jersey at which time and place all persons interested therein or affected thereby will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same. A copy of said Ordinance is on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk, Municipal Building, 16 Wallkill Avenue, Hamburg, New Jersey and is available for public inspection during regular business hours. During the week prior and up to the time of public hearing, copies of said Ordinance will be available to the member of the general public who request the same.

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Beth Martin  
Acting Municipal Clerk

#### STATEMENT

The above ordinance was duly adopted by roll call vote at the February 2, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Hamburg Mayor and Council.

Roll Call:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent:

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Beth Martin  
Acting Municipal Clerk