

**CITY OF HACKENSACK  
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**DATE:** March 25, 2026  
**FROM:** Timothy Hoffman, Acting City Clerk  
**RE:** Ordinance 06-2026

PLEASE NOTE, THE FOLLOWING IS TO BE PUBLISHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:

**CITY OF HACKENSACK  
ORDINANCE NO. 06-2026**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ordinance No. 06-2026 of the City of Hackensack, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, entitled: **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)** was introduced and has passed its first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the City of Hackensack, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, on March 24, 2026 It will be further considered for final passage after a public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the City Council to be held at City Hall, Council Chambers, 65 Central Avenue, on April 21, 2026 at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached.

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**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. 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% 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 City Council of the City of Hackensack 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 City Council hereby determines that a 1.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$1,610,050.35 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap law, is advisable and necessary; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City 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 City Council of the City of Hackensack, 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 City of Hackensack shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 1.5%, amounting to \$1,610,050.35 and that the CY 2026 municipal budget for the City of Hackensack 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 five (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 five (5) days after such adoption.

Timothy Hoffman, Acting City Clerk