

Ordinance of the City of Jersey City, N.J.

File No. Ord. 25-050
Agenda No. 3.1 (1st Reading)
Agenda No. 4.1 (2nd Reading and Final Passage)



AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE CALENDAR YEAR 2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15A).

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE offered and moved adoption of the following ordinance:

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 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 next two succeeding years; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council of the City of Jersey City in the County of Hudson 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 Municipal Council hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$20,254,627.40 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal 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 Municipal Council of the City of Jersey City, in the County of Hudson, 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 City of Jersey City shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$20,254,627.40 and that the CY 2025 municipal budget for the City of Jersey City be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any 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;

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.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM

Business Administrator

Corporation Counsel

An Ordinance to exceed the Calendar Year 2025 Municipal Budget appropriation limits and to establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a).

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE ON INTRODUCTION – Apr 23 2025						
RIDLEY	AYE	SALEH	AYE	DEGISE	AYE	7-1
PRINZ-AREY		SOLOMON	NAY	RIVERA	AYE	
BOGGIANO	AYE	GILMORE	AYE	WATTERMAN, PRES	AYE	

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING – May 7 2025						
RIDLEY	AYE	SALEH	AYE	DEGISE	AYE	8-0
HULINGS	AYE	SOLOMON	AYE	RIVERA	AYE	
BOGGIANO	AYE	GILMORE	AYE	WATTERMAN, PRES.	ABSENT	

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE ON AMENDMENTS, IF ANY –						
RIDLEY		SALEH		DEGISE		
HULINGS		SOLOMON		RIVERA		
BOGGIANO		GILMORE		WATTERMAN, PRES.		

RECORD OF FINAL COUNCIL VOTE – May 7 2025						
RIDLEY	AYE	SALEH	AYE	DEGISE	AYE	6-2
HULINGS	AYE	SOLOMON	NAY	RIVERA	AYE	
BOGGIANO	AYE	GILMORE	NAY	WATTERMAN, PRES.	ABSENT	

Adopted on first reading of the Council of Jersey City, N.J. on Apr 23 2025

Adopted on second and final reading after hearing on May 7 2025

This is to certify that the foregoing Ordinance was adopted by the Municipal Council at its meeting on May 7 2025



Sean J. Gallagher, City Clerk



Joyce E. Watterman, President of Council
Approved: May 7 2025



Steven M. Fulop, Mayor
Date to Mayor: May 8 2025
Approved: May 8 2025

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FACT SHEET -

This summary sheet is to be attached to the front of any ordinance that is submitted for Council consideration. Incomplete or vague fact sheets will be returned with the ordinance.

Project Manager

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Department	Department of Administration	
Division	Office of the Business Administrator	

Note: Project Manager must be available by phone during agenda meeting (Wednesday prior to council meeting @ 1:00 p.m.)

Meeting	Regular Meeting of Municipal Council - Apr 23 2025
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Purpose

Authorizing increasing the Calendar Year 2025 appropriation CAP and banking unappropriated balance.

Cost (Identify all sources and amounts)

n/a

Contract term (include all)

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Approved by
Silendra Baijnauth, Principal Fiscal Analyst, CPWM
Carmen Gandulla, Director, Department of Finance
John McKinney, Attorney
John Metro, Business Administrator

Status:
Approved - Mar 12 2025
Approved - Mar 13 2025
Approved - Mar 17 2025
Approved - Mar 19 2025