PUBLIC NOTICE

The Borough of Hightstown
County of Mercer
Ordinance 2026-03

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE 2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

Summary: This ordinance authorizes the Borough of Hightstown to increase its CY 2026 municipal budget appropriations by up to 3.5%, instead of the standard 2% permitted under the Local Government Cap Law. The additional 1.5%, totaling $108,627.60, may be banked and used as a cap exception in either of the next two budget years, as allowed by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14. The ordinance permits a total appropriation increase of $253,464.41 for 2026 and ensures compliance with state budget regulations.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Hightstown held on March 2, 2025, and ordered published in accordance with the law. Said Ordinance will be considered for final reading and adoption at a meeting to be held on March 16, 2026, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Hightstown Engine Co. #1 Fire House Hall, 140 North Main Street, Hightstown, at which time and place all persons interested may appear and address the Borough Council, either for or against, regarding the passage of said Ordinance. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost via email request to the Borough Clerk at priggio@hightstownborough.com, until March 16, 2026, or until any further consideration of this ordinance is completed thereafter by the Borough Council, to members of the general public who shall request the same. Copies can be mailed by USPS, faxed or e-mailed. The ordinance is also available for review on the Borough website at www.hightstownborough.com.

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Borough Clerk