

**TOWNSHIP OF BYRAM  
ORDINANCE NO. 001 - 2026**

**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)**

**Purpose Statement:** The purpose of this ordinance is to exceed the State mandated COLA percentage of 2% and increase to 3.5% and to bank the difference between the Township's final appropriation subject to the cap and 3.5%.

**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% 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 Mayor and Council of the Township of Byram 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 Mayor and Council hereby determines that a 1.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$159,463.47 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and 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 Mayor and Council of Township of Byram, 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 Township of Byram shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$372,081.43 and that the CY 2026 municipal budget for the Township of Byram 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 this ordinance takes effect immediately upon adoption; 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.

Introduced: 01/20/2026

Adopted: 02/03/2026



Cynthia Church, RMC  
Township Clerk



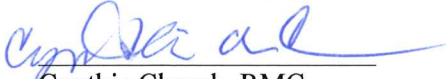
Alexander Rubenstein  
Mayor

**BYRAM TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**

	Councilwoman Franco	Councilman Gallagher	Councilman Proctor	Councilman Roseff	Mayor Rubenstein
Motion	✓				
2nd			✓		
Yes	✓	✓	✓		✓
No					
Abstain					
Absent				✓	

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that Ordinance 001-2026 was introduced and passed first reading at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Byram, held at the Byram Township Municipal Building, Mansfield Drive, Byram Township, New Jersey, on the 20th day of January 2026. The said ordinance was further considered for final adoption at a meeting of the Township Council of The Township of Byram, held at the Byram Municipal Building, 10 Mansfield Drive, Byram Township, New Jersey, on the 3rd day of February at 7:30 p.m. at which time all persons were given the opportunity to be heard. It was finally passed and adopted and will be in full force in the Township according to law.



Cynthia Church, RMC  
Township Clerk