

**TOWNSHIP OF CLINTON
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**ORDINANCE
#1208 – 2025**

**CALENDAR YEAR 2025 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.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

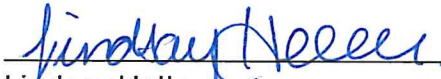
WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council find that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$114,419.62 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary in order to promote the public health, safety and welfare, and that any amount not appropriated as part of the final budget should 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 the Township of Clinton, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The findings set forth in the preamble to this ordinance are hereby incorporated as if restated in full.
2. In the CY 2025 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Clinton shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5% over calendar year's 2024 appropriations, amounting to \$400,468.68 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law.
3. 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.

4. The Acting Clerk and/or Chief Financial Officer shall cause a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced to be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of the date of its introduction.
5. The Acting Clerk and/or Chief Financial Officer shall cause a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, to be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.
6. This ordinance shall take effect 20 days after final passage in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:69A-181.



Lindsay Heller
Acting Township Clerk



Hon. Brian K. Mulla
Mayor

Introduction: February 26, 2025
Public hearing: March 26, 2025
Adopted: March 26, 2025

The foregoing ordinance was introduced on first reading at the February 26, 2025 meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Township of Clinton. It will be further considered for final passage following a public hearing thereon to be held on **March 26, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.**, on the third floor of the Clinton Township Public Safety Building, 1370 Route 31 North, Annandale, NJ 08801, at which time and place anyone from the public wishing to be heard will be permitted to ask questions or offer comments regarding the ordinance. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting and public hearing, copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost during regular business hours in the Office of the Township Clerk for members of the public who shall request a copy of same. The ordinance will also be available on the Township's website at <https://clintontwpnj.gov>.