



**BOROUGH OF LEBANON
COUNTY OF HUNTERDON
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE #2026 - 01

**AN ORDINANCE BY THE BOROUGH OF LEBANON
IN THE COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
TO EXCEED THE INDEX RATE FOR THE 2026 BUDGET**

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 Governing body of the Borough of Lebanon in the County of Hunterdon 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 Governing body hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$20,606.78 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS the Governing body 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 Governing body of Borough of Lebanon, in the County of Hunterdon, 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 Borough of Lebanon shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$48,082.48, and that the CY 2026 municipal budget for the Borough of Lebanon be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

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; 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 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.

Vote after public hearing and upon final adoption:

Baldinger	
Berger 1	Ordinance approved by the Governing.
Burton 1	
Durange 1	Body and presented to the Mayor on
Porcello 1	
Valliere 1	February 18, 2026

Veto in Whole or Part:

Approved:

_____	{or}	James P Pittinger
James Pittinger, Mayor		James Pittinger, Mayor
Date:		Date: February 18, 2026

Returned to Borough Clerk with statement attached on _____, 2026

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that the above ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Lebanon on January 21, 2026, and will be considered for final passage after public hearing at a regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Lebanon to be held on February 18, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, located at 6 High Street, Lebanon, New Jersey

Karen M. Romano, Borough Adm

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NOTICE is hereby given that the above Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Lebanon, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, held in the Municipal Building on the 21st day of January 2026, and the same came up for final passage at a meeting of the said Borough Council on the 18th day of February, 2026 at which time, after persons interested were given an opportunity to be heard concerning said ordinance, the same was passed and will be in full force in the Borough according to law by order of the Borough Council of the Borough of Lebanon, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey.

Karen M. Romano, RMC
Borough Administrator/ Clerk

INTRODUCED: January 21, 2026
ADOPTED: February 18, 2026