

**HARDING TOWNSHIP
ORDINANCE #02-2025**

**“AN 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 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: 4-45.16a 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 Township Committee of the Township of Harding in the County of Morris 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 Township Committee of the Township of Harding hereby determines that a 1.0% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$85,007.42 in excess of the increase in final appropriations, otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Harding 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.

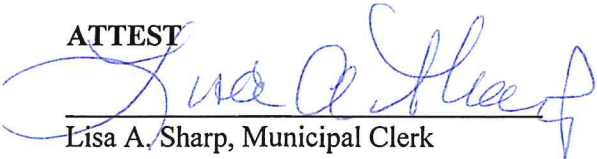
BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Harding in the County of Morris, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2023 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Harding shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$297,525.97 and that the CY2025 municipal budget for the Township of Harding 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

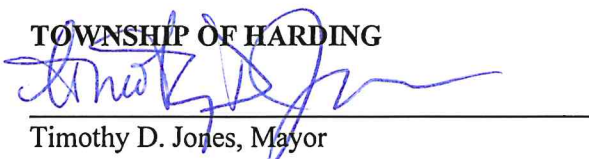
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that 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.

ATTEST


Lisa A. Sharp, Municipal Clerk

TOWNSHIP OF HARDING


Timothy D. Jones, Mayor

INTRODUCED: February 10, 2025
PUBLIC HEARING: March 10, 2025
ADOPTED: March 10, 2025

ADVERTISED: February 13, 2025
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Vote on Adoption:

	MOTION	FOR APPROVAL	AGAINST APPROVAL	ABSTAIN
Ms. Chipperson		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Lacz		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Platt		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Yates	1st	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mr. Jones	2nd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>