

**ORDINANCE #04-2026**  
**BOROUGH OF STRATFORD COUNTY OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY**  
**ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION**  
**LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK**  
**(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE**

The ordinance herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at the Regular Meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Stratford, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, held on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026 at 6:30 PM. It shall be further considered for final passage after public hearing thereon, at the meeting of the Governing Body to be held in the Public Safety Building, in the Borough of Stratford on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

Copies of the ordinance will be made available during the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting at the Clerk's Office in the Borough Hall to the members of the general public who shall request the same.

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

This ordinance authorizes the Borough of Stratford to increase its CY 2026 municipal budget appropriations by up to **3.5%**, as permitted under the Local Government Cap Law, **N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.1 et seq.** The governing body has determined that an increase above the standard 2% cap is necessary to support essential municipal services and protect the health, safety, and welfare of residents.

The ordinance also permits the Borough to "bank" any unused portion of the 3.5% cap increase for use in either of the next two budget years, consistent with **N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a**. A certified copy of the ordinance must be filed with the Division of Local Government Services upon introduction and adoption.

Attest:  
Michelle Hack, RMC  
Borough Clerk