

ORDINANCE NO. 26-09

**BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE
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)**

Hereto introduced on the 20th day of April, 2026 at 7:00 PM did pass on first reading and that said Ordinance be further considered for final passage at a meeting to be held on the 18th day of May, 2026 at 6:00 PM or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached at the regular meeting place of the Borough Council, Borough Hall, 188 Pascack Road, Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey and that at such time and place all persons interested be given an opportunity to be heard concerning said Ordinance, and that the Borough Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish said Ordinance according to law with a notice of introduction and passage on first reading and of the time and place when and where said Ordinance be further considered

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 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 2.0% 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 Borough of Woodcliff lake in the County of Bergen 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 \$190,168 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 the Borough of Woodcliff Lake, in the County of Bergen, 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 Woodcliff Lake shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$443,726 and that the CY 2026 municipal budget for the Borough of Woodcliff Lake 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.