

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**WASHINGTON BOROUGH**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the following Ordinance(s) were duly introduced and approved on first reading on March 3, 2026 and will have a public hearing for adoption scheduled March 17, 2026 at the regular meeting at 6:00 pm or soon thereafter to be held at the Washington Borough Municipal Building; 100 Belvidere Avenue; Washington, New Jersey. Summary of the ordinances is as follows:

**ORDINANCE 2026-06  
CALENDAR YEAR 2026  
MODEL 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. 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 Washington Borough Governing Body of the Borough of Washington in the County of Warren 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 1.5 % increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$ 48,677.00 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 the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, 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 Washington shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5 %, amounting to \$ 113,579.66, and that the CY 2026 municipal budget for the Borough of Washington 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.

Introduction: March 3, 2026

Public hearing/Adoption: March 17, 2026

**ORDINANCE 2026-07**  
**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS GENERAL**  
**IMPROVEMENT FOR THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON AND APPROPRIATING**  
**\$40,000.00 THEREFOR FROM THE “CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND” OF SAID**  
**BOROUGH**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Washington in Warren County,

New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. The Borough of Washington in Warren County (hereinafter referred to as “Municipality”) is hereby authorized the following Capital Improvements for the Borough of Washington:

The lease of the DPW vehicles \$40,000.00

Section 2. The work and acquisitions, authorized by Section 1 of this Ordinance shall be undertaken as

a general improvement, the entire cost of which shall be contributed and borne by the municipality as a general

expense, and no part of said cost shall be specially assessed against any property. The estimated cost noted

of such project shall not exceed \$40,000.00 unless this Ordinance is amended.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and stated that the undertaking of the aforesaid projects (hereinafter

referred to as “purpose”) is not a current expense of the municipality; and that the total estimated cost of said

purpose is \$40,000.00, the estimated cost for the projects having been noted in Section 1 above.

Section 4. The sum of \$40,000.00 is hereby appropriated for said purpose from the “Capital Improvement Fund” of the municipality for said purpose as required by law and now available therefore under a

budget or budgets of the municipality previously adopted.

Section 5. The Capital budget of the municipality is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of

this Ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as provided by law.

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