

TOWNSHIP OF CLARK  
NOTICE OF INTENTION

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the following ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Township of Clark, County of Union, State of New Jersey on Monday, January 5, 2026 and that said ordinance will be taken up for further consideration and final passage at a Regular Meeting at 315 Westfield Avenue, Clark, New Jersey on Tuesday, January 20 at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time, at which time and place all persons interested therein will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning the same.

**FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to P.L. 2025, c. 72, effective March 1, 2026, the complete text of each legal notice of the Township of Clark, Union County, including the Boards, Commissions and the like may be obtained or viewed by the public on our official Internet Website: <https://www.ourclark.com/372/Public-Notices>

**Ordinance 26 – 03**

**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. 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: 4-45.15a 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 Township of Clark in the County of Union 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 2.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$587,843.73 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 Township of Clark, in the County of Union, 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 Township of Clark shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$822,981.22 and that the CY 2026 municipal budget for the Township of Clark 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.

Edith L. Merkel, RMC  
Township Clerk