

**CITY OF BRIGANTINE
ORDINANCE NO. 1 OF 2026**

**ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO
ESTABLISH A CAP BANK FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

(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 2.5% 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 City Council of the City of Brigantine in the County of Atlantic 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 City Council determines that a 1% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$301,759.97 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the City 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 City Council of the City of Brigantine, in the County of Atlantic, 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 City of Brigantine shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$1,056,159.90 and that the CY 2026 municipal budget for the City of Brigantine 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: January 7, 2026

ACTION ON INTRODUCTION:

Motion made by:	<u>Deputy Mayor Bew</u>
Motion seconded by:	<u>Councilman Lettieri</u>

VOTE ON INTRODUCTION:

Deputy Mayor Bew:	☒ Yes	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Not Present
Councilman Lettieri:	☒ Yes	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Not Present
Councilman Haney:	☒ Yes	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Not Present
Councilman Virgilio	☒ Yes	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Not Present
Councilman Kane:	☒ Yes	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Not Present
Councilman Riordan:	☒ Yes	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Not Present
Mayor Sera:	☒ Yes	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Not Present

ADOPTION (AFTER PUBLIC HEARING)

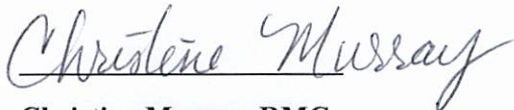
ACTION ON INTRODUCTION:

Motion made by: Councilman Riordan
Motion seconded by: Councilman Lettieri

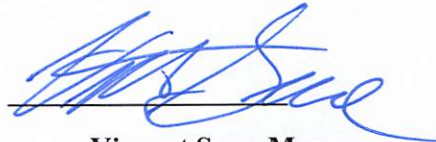
VOTE ON INTRODUCTION:

Deputy Mayor Bew:	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☒ Not Present
Councilman Lettieri:	☒ Yes	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Not Present
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Councilman Riordan:	☒ Yes	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Not Present
Mayor Sera:	☒ Yes	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Not Present

ADOPTION: January 21, 2026



Christine Murray, RMC
City Clerk



Vincent Sera, Mayor