

**ORDINANCE NO. 6, 2026**

**AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS  
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S.A. 40:A:4-45.1., 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 Common Council of the City of Linwood in the County of Atlantic finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2026 budget up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$342,373.87 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Common 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 appropriating in either of the next two succeeding years.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Common Council of the City of Linwood, 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 Linwood shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5% amounting to \$362,222.61, and that the CY 2026 municipal budget for the City of Linwood 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.

*FIRST READING: April 22, 2026*  
*PUBLICATION: April 23, 2026*  
*PASSAGE: May 11, 2026*

The within Ordinance was introduced at a meeting of the Common Council of the City of Linwood, County of Atlantic and State of New Jersey held on Aril 22, 2026 and will be further considered for final passage after a public hearing thereon at a meeting of said Common Council on May 11, 2026.

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LEIGH ANN NAPOLI, RMC, MUNICIPAL CLERK

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DARREN MATIK, MAYOR