

FIRE DISTRICT LEVY CAP REFERENDUM RESOLUTION # 2024-13

RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT No. 1 OF THE TOWNSHIP of BORDENTOWN IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING A PROPERTY TAX CAP LEVY REFERENDUM ON FEBRUARY 15, 2025

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.45 provides that in preparation of its budget a Fire District shall limit any increase in its property tax levy to two percent (2.0%) over the previous year's amount to be raised by taxation, subject to certain exceptions and additions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.46(b), permits a Fire District to increase amount to be raised by taxation by a percentage rate greater than two percent (2.0%) where said increase is approved by referendum; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Fire District Number No. 1 in the Township of Bordentown, in the County of Burlington has called for a referendum question pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.46(b) to be held on the third Saturday in February because it finds it advisable and necessary to increase its 2025 amount to be raised by taxation budget by more than two percent (2.0%) over the 2024 amount to be raised by taxation, to provide and maintain essential district services for the residents of the district; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Fire District Number No. 1 in the Township of Bordentown, hereby determines that \$283,000.00 in excess of the increase in the amount to be raised by taxation otherwise permitted by a two (2.0%) tax levy cap, will only become effective upon authorization by an affirmative vote of in excess of fifty percent (50%) of the voters casting a ballot at the referendum and,

WHEREAS, this additional amount will be appropriated for the purposes set forth below, increasing the total appropriation for each such purpose from what would otherwise be provided under the limitations of a two percent (2.0%) tax levy cap, as set forth below:

Line-item name	Amount for referendum
Promotion to Captain	25,000.00
Salary & Wages: (2) Full Time Firefighters	91,000.00
Fringe Benefits: For Two (2) Full Time Firefighters	108,000.00
Uniforms & Gear for Two (2) Full Time Firefighters	20,000.00
Training for Two (2) Full Time Firefighters	7,000.00
Maintenance & Repairs that have been deferred	15,000.00
Nonbondable (\$17,00) and Office Supplies (\$1,280.37) that have been deferred	17,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the question to be placed on the ballot shall be as follows:

"Shall the Board of Commissioners of Fire District Number No.1 in the Township of Bordentown be authorized to increase the 2025 amount to be raised by taxation in the Fire District annual budget, by \$283,000.00 as provided by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.45, notwithstanding that its amount to be raised by taxation will exceed the two percent (2.0%) increase limitation.

___ Yes

___ No

INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT

A "yes" vote will authorize the Board of Commissioners of the fire district to adopt the budget that was approved by the Board. N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.45 provides a tax levy "cap" of two percent (2.0%) on the amount of increase. This amount can be exceeded when approved by referendum of the voters.

The following are those line items to which the increases apply:

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If referendum is approved (a "yes" vote), the amount to be raised by taxation will include this amount.

A "no" vote means that the Board of Commissioners must adopt the budget within the increase limits otherwise set forth by the law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said referendum be, and the same is scheduled for February 15, 2025, between the hours of 2:00 p.m. And 9:00 p.m., the prevailing time, in the manner provided by statute.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the budget of the Board of Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 of the Township of Bordentown for 2025 is hereby authorized to be published in the Trenton Times on January 9, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing on the budget will be held at the at Mission Fire Co., 51 Groveville Road, Thursday, January 2, 2025, at 8:00 P.M. at which time and place objections to said budget may be presented by taxpayers or other interested parties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, within 3 days after adoption with the recorded vote included thereon.

Certified to be true of this Resolution adopted at a regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, Fire District No. 1, Township of Bordentown held on December 5, 2024.

Timothy J. Kinsley, Secretary



Board of Fire Commissioners
Bordentown Township Fire District No. 1

**Board of Fire Commissioners Recorded
Vote**

Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
John D. Kinsley Jr.	X			
Salvatore A. Guido	X			
Timothy J. Kinsley	X			
Matthew Mezger, Jr.	X			
Raymond H. Fackenthall				X