

**MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP
BURLINGTON COUNTY**

RESOLUTION 2022-6-13

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN APPROPRIATIONS AND LEVEY CAP EXEMPTION FOR THREE YEAR PERIOD FOR INCREASES IN LIABILITY, WORKER'S COMPENSATION, CYBER LIABILITY AND PROPERTY INSURANCE

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45, et al, a municipality is required to limit any increase in its levy to 2.0% and any increase in appropriations to 2 1/2% or the cost-of-living adjustment, whatever is less, over the prior year's final appropriations subject to certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, all local public entities have incurred an estimated \$50 million in COVID related worker's compensation claims and it is anticipated that these costs will continue to increase as a result of long-term COVID cases; and

WHEREAS, a 2021 New Jersey Department of Labor decision regarding workers compensation funding has generated increased costs to municipalities by over 10% in order to cover claims that were previously funded by the State pension system; and

WHEREAS, a recent amendment to the sexual molestation statute of limitations will increase total liability costs by an estimated amount of 6%; and

WHEREAS, the frequency of weather-related catastrophic claims and corresponding impacts are anticipated to increase property insurance costs by over 10% per year; and

WHEREAS, cyber liability events throughout the country have resulted in doubling premium costs in 2022 and such costs are expected to accelerate at a pace far greater than the rate of inflation; and

WHEREAS, these increasing costs, regulations, policy decisions and environmental impacts are occurring when many other items and costs in municipal budgets are also increasing at an inflationary rate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the (NAME OF MUNICIPALITY) that N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45 be amended to provide that appropriations in the first three years after the effective date of (this amendment) for liability insurance, worker's compensation insurance, cyber insurance, and property insurance be exempt from the Appropriation CAP and the Levy CAP.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the New Jersey Legislative representatives for the Township of Mansfield.

MOTION: SISZ SECOND: OCELLO
ROLL CALL VOTE:
AYES: SISZ, OCELLO, GOLEND, TALLON, MOJENA
NAYS: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE ABSENT: NONE

CERTIFICATION

I, LINDA SEMUS, RMC, CMR, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Mansfield do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate copy of the resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, at their regular meeting held on June 15, 2022 at 7:00 PM .

LINDA SEMUS, RMC, CMR, Municipal Clerk