



BOROUGH OF BOGOTA

ORDINANCE NO. 1631

DATE: May 1, 2025

PUBLIC HEARING OPEN

Adoption

Cost of Living “COLA” – Ordinance to exceed the municipal budget cost of living allowance and to establish a cap bank.

COUNCIL	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	RECUSE	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
C. Carpenter		✓	✓				
W. Hordern			✓				
L. Kohles			✓				
P. McHale			✓				
J. Mitchell	✓		✓				
D. Vergara			✓				

COMMENTS: *None*

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

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W. Hordern			✓				
L. Kohles			✓				
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**BOROUGH OF BOGOTA
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
CALENDAR YEAR 2025 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED
THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE
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 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 Governing Body of the Borough of Bogota in the County of Bergen 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 Governing Body hereby determines that a 1% increase in the budget of said year, amounting to \$98,949 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 Borough of Bogota in the County of Bergen, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2025 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Bogota shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by up to 3.5%, amounting to \$346,320, and that the CY 2025 municipal budget for the Borough of Bogota 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.

Introduced by J. Mitchell
Seconded by D. Vergara

Approved: May 1, 2025

ATTEST:
[Signature]
Borough Clerk

[Signature]
Mayor

CERTIFICATION

✓
ATTEST:
[Signature]
Borough Clerk

APPROVED:
[Signature]
Mayor

I, Yenlys Flores-Bolivar, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Bogota, Bergen County, New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and true copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Borough of Bogota at a meeting held on May 1, 2025.