

**BOROUGH OF ALLENDALE
COUNTY OF BERGEN
STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE 20-24

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF ALLENDALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53(m) TO FUND A DEFICIT IN OPERATIONS OF THE BOROUGH DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO COVID-19 WHICH IS ANTICIPATED TO BE EXPERIENCED BY THE BOROUGH IN THE CURRENT 2020 FISCAL YEAR

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New Jersey (the "State") has heretofore declared a public health emergency pursuant to the Emergency Health Powers Act, P.L. 2005, c. 222, and a state of emergency pursuant to P.L. 1942, c. 251, in response to the outbreak of the coronavirus as announced by the World Health Organization on February 11, 2020, and first identified in Wuhan, China ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53(m) provides that a municipality may, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (the "Director"), adopt an ordinance providing for a special emergency appropriation for the funding of a deficit in operations incurred by the Borough directly attributable to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Allendale has experienced approximately \$260,000 in COVID-19 related revenue losses during the 2020 budget year, and

WHEREAS, in order to qualify for a special emergency under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53, as amended by P.L. 2020, c.74, the Borough must, prior to December 1, make application to the Director to obtain an approval of the certification of the special emergency and the resulting deferred charge in advance of the close of the 2020 budget year; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough has prepared and executed a certification in the form prescribed by the Director, a copy of which has been presented at this meeting, certifying that the deficit balances anticipated to be reported on the Borough's annual financial statement for the current fiscal year in an amount equal to \$260,000; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council, by resolution adopted on December 3, 2020, by a majority of the full governing body, approved the certification and the submission of the application to the Director in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53(m); and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council now wishes to make a special emergency appropriation in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53(m) and adopt an ordinance authorizing such special emergency appropriation in the amount of \$260,000 to provide for the funding of such deficit balances.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF ALLENDALE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53(m), the Borough has determined and does hereby authorize a special emergency appropriation in the amount of \$260,000 subject to the approval of the Director.

SECTION 2. The portion of the authorization financed shall be provided for in succeeding budgets by inclusion of at least one-fifth (1/5) of the amount authorized by this ordinance beginning in the year after the year in which the resulting deferred charge appears in the Borough's unaudited financial statements, as provided by N.J.S.A 40A:4-55. Thus, the deferred charge resulting from the special emergency in 2020 will not be budgeted in 2021, but rather one-fifth (1/5) of the amount will be budgeted in the 2022 through 2026 annual budgets.

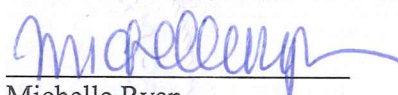
SECTION 3. The Mayor and Chief Financial Officer are each hereby authorized and directed to determine all matters in connection with the special emergency appropriation not determined by this or a subsequent ordinance, all in consultation with the Borough Attorney or Bond Counsel, and the manual or facsimile signature of the Mayor or Chief Financial Officer upon any documents shall be conclusive as to all such determinations.

SECTION 4. A certified copy of this ordinance shall be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs ("the Director").

SECTION 5. This ordinance is subject to the approval of the Director and shall take effect upon final passage and publication, as required by law; provided that the approval of the Director has been obtained.

	Motion	Second	Yea	Nay	Absent	Abstain
Homan			✓			
O'Connell			✓			
O'Toole	✓		✓			
Sasso			✓			
Strauch		✓	✓			
Wilczynski			✓			
Bernstein						

I hereby certify the above to
be a true copy of an Ordinance
adopted by the Governing Body
of the Borough of Allendale on
December 17, 2020



Michelle Ryan
Acting Municipal Clerk


Mayor Ari Bernstein