



Board of County Commissioners

Resolution No. 2024 – 227

Administrative Committee

**CALENDAR YEAR 2024  
AMENDED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COUNTY ENTITY TO EXCEED THE COUNTY  
ENTITY BUDGET REQUEST CAP (P.L. 2015, c.249)**

**WHEREAS**, P.L. 2015, c.249 requires a county entity to submit a budget request to the county governing body that is comprised of two parts: the amount to be raised by property taxation, and the amount to be funded wholly through federal or State funds, fees raised by the county entity, or other sources; and

**WHEREAS**, the term "county entity" means a county board of taxation, office of the county superintendent of election, office of the county board of election, office of the county register of deeds and mortgages, office of the county clerk, office of the county surrogate, office of the county prosecutor, and county sheriff's department; and

**WHEREAS**, P.L. 2015, c.249 limits the increase in the portion of a county entity budget request funded by property taxation to no more than two percent (2%) of the previous year's budget request, subject to certain limited exceptions; and

**WHEREAS**, notwithstanding the budget request submitted by the Board of Elections, Sheriff's Office, and Surrogate's Office, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Salem finds it advisable and necessary for purposes of health, safety and welfare to authorize the Sheriff's Office and Surrogate's Office to increase its appropriations beyond the maximum permitted by the budget request cap set forth in P.L. 2015, c.249; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Salem hereby determines that a 0.7% / \$3,800 for the Board of Elections, 11.4% / \$424,663 for the Sheriff's Office, and 12.9% / \$38,163 for the Surrogate's Office increase beyond the maximum increase permitted by the budget request cap set forth in P.L. 2015, c.249, is advisable and necessary. The Board of County Commissioners agrees that the increase beyond the limit set forth in P.L. 2015, c.249 to exceed the limit imposed by the cap for the current year only; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Salem has determined that a 0.7% for the Board of Elections, 11.4% for the Sheriff's Office, and 12.9% for the Surrogate's Office increase beyond the maximum increase permitted by the budget request cap set forth in P.L. 2015, c.249 shall not cause the County of Salem to exceed the levy caps set forth in 1977 and 2010 levy cap laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.4 and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.45 respectively).

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Salem, a majority of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2024 budget year, the final appropriations of the Sheriff's Office and Surrogate's Office shall, in accordance with this resolution, be increased by 0.7% / \$3,800 for the Board of Elections, 11.4% / \$424,663 for the Sheriff's Office, and 12.9% / \$38,163 for the Surrogate's Office in excess of the increase in the portion of the budget request funded by property taxation otherwise permitted P.L. 2015, c.249, and that said increase shall be presented as part of the county budget submission to be approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this resolution shall be submitted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, alongside all other documents required to be submitted with the introduced county budget.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true resolution adopted by the Salem County Board of County Commissioners on June 5, 2024.

  
 STACY L. PENNINGTON  
 Clerk of the Board

RECORD OF VOTE

COMMISSIONER	RESOLUTION MOVED	RESOLUTION SECOND	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
E. Ramsay			✓			
C. Taylor		✓	✓			
D. Timmerman			✓			
G. Ostrum Jr.	✓		✓			
B. Laury			✓			

✓ Indicates Vote

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