

**BOROUGH OF BOGOTA
PUBLIC NOTICE
INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE**

Ordinance #1656 - Cost of Living Allowance “COLA”

Notice is hereby given that the following ordinance was introduced at a meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota on March 19, 2025. This ordinance will be open for Public Comments and considered for final passage by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bogota at a regular meeting at the Borough Hall, 375 Larch Avenue, Bogota, New Jersey, 07603, on April 23, 2026, at 7:30 P.M. All persons interested will be given the opportunity to be heard concerning such ordinance. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost and during regular business hours at the Clerk's office for members of the general public who request the same.

**CALENDAR YEAR 2026 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 2.0% 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 2026 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 1.5% increase in the budget of said year, amounting to \$156,786 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 2026 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 \$365,834, and that the CY 2026 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.

Scott Devlin, Borough Clerk
April 8, 2026