

**FIRE DISTRICT LEVY CAP REFERENDUM RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 6 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING A PROPERTY TAX CAP LEVY REFERENDUM ON FEBRUARY 21, 2026**

**WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.45** provides that in preparation of its budget a fire district shall limit any increase in its property tax levy to two percent (2.0%) over the previous year's amount to be raised by taxation, subject to certain exceptions and additions; and,

**WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.46(b)**, permits a fire district to increase amount to be raised by taxation by a percentage rate greater than two percent (2.0%) where said increase is approved by referendum; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Fire District Number 6 in Township of Gloucester, in the County of Camden have called for a referendum question as part of its annual election pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.46(b) because it finds it advisable and necessary to increase its 2026 amount to be raised by taxation budget by more than two percent (2.0%) over the 2025 amount to be raised by taxation, to provide and maintain essential district services for the residents of the district; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Fire District Number Six in the Township of Gloucester, hereby determines that a 45.997% increase in the amount to be raised by taxation or \$822,800.00 in excess of the increase in the amount to be raised by taxation otherwise permitted by a two (2.0%) tax levy cap, will only become effective upon authorization by fifty percent (50%) of the voters casting a ballot at the annual fire district election and,

**WHEREAS**, this additional amount will be appropriated for the purposes set forth below, increasing the total appropriation for each such purpose from what would otherwise be provided under the limitations of a two percent (2.0%) tax levy cap, as set forth below:

Line item name	Amount for referendum
Administration—Personnel-Salary and Wages (Excluding Commissioners)	\$48,000.00
Cost of Operations & Maintenance—Personnel—Salaries & Wages	\$673,000.00
Cost of Operations & Maintenance—Personnel—Fringe Benefits	\$60,000.00
Cost of Operations & Maintenance-Other-Other O&M Expense #1	\$41,800.00

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the question to be placed on the ballot shall be as follows:

"Shall the Board of Commissioners of Fire District Number Six in the Township of Gloucester be authorized to increase the 2026 amount to be raised by taxation in the Fire District annual budget, by 45.997% or \$822,800.00 as provided by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.45, notwithstanding that its amount to be raised by taxation will exceed the two percent (2.0%) increase limitation.

\_\_\_ Yes

\_\_\_ No

#### INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT

A "yes" vote will authorize the Board of Commissioners of the fire district to adopt the budget that was approved by the Board. N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.45 provides a tax levy "cap" of two percent (2.0%) on the amount of increase. This amount can be exceeded when approved by referendum of the voters.

The following are those line items to which the increases apply:

Administration—Personnel Salary & Wages (Excluding Commissioners)

Cost of Operations & Maintenance—Personnel—Salaries & Wages

Cost of Operations & Maintenance—Personnel—Fringe Benefits

Cost of Operations & Maintenance—Other—Other O&M Expense #1

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If referendum is approved (a "yes" vote), the amount to be raised by taxation will include this amount.

A "no" vote means that the Board of Commissioners must adopt the budget within the increase limits otherwise set forth by the law.

*The proposed items are to ensure 24 hours a day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year staffing through the hiring an additional 6 full-time firefighters. Included are the commensurate costs of insurance, uniforms, personal protective equipment, and the administrative costs affiliated with this process. Full-time staffing will continue to be supplemented by volunteers and our Stipend Program.*

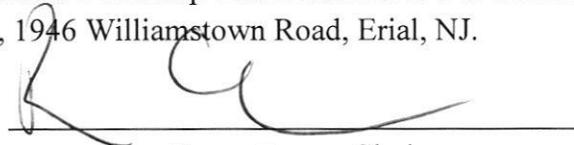
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that said referendum be, and the same is scheduled for *(insert date of referendum)*, between the hours of 2:00 and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, in the manner provided by statute.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the budget of the Board of Commissioners of Fire District Number Six of the Township of Gloucester for 2026 is hereby authorized to be published in the Courier Post issue.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a public hearing on the budget will be held at the Gloucester Township Fire District, January 15, 2026 at 6:30pm at which time and place objections to said budget may be presented by taxpayers or other interested parties.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that two (2) certified copies of this Resolution, shall be transmitted to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, within 3 days after adoption with the recorded vote included thereon as required by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5.

I, Renee Evans, Clerk do hereby certify the above to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioners, Gloucester Township Fire District No. 6 at their meeting held on December 11, 2025 at the Erial Fire Station, 1946 Williamstown Road, Erial, NJ.

  
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Renee Evans, Clerk