

**Resolution #24  
December 17,2020**

**RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HADDON IN THE COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING A PROPERTY TAX CAP LEVY REFERENDUM ON FEBRUARY 20, 2021**

**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 1 in the Township of Haddon, in the County of Camden has 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 2021 amount to be raised by taxation budget by more than two percent (2.0%) over the 2020 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 1 in the Township of Haddon, hereby determines that a 13.7% increase in the amount to be raised by taxation \$208,500.00 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
Cost of Operations - Salaries & Wages	\$ 97,736.00
Cost of Operations - Fringe Benefits	\$ 26,264.00
Cost of Operations - Other Assets Non-Bondable	\$ 84,500.00

**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 1 in the Township of Haddon be authorized to increase the 2021 amount to be raised by taxation in the Fire District annual budget, by 13.7% or \$208,500.00 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:

Cost of Operations - Salaries & Wages

Cost of Operations - Fringe Benefits

Cost of Operations - Other Assets Non-Bondable

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.

Increase in cost of Operations -Salaries & Wages will be for the addition of a paid full time Firefighter and also the funding of the change to Per Diem EMS.

Increase in Cost of Operations- Fringe Benefits will be to cover the benefits associated with the hire of the new employee, and the costs for Per Diem.

The Other assets are for the obtaining of New equipment needed by the District which can not be accomplished in the current budget.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that said referendum be, and the same is scheduled for February 20, 2021 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 1 of the Township of Haddon for 2021 is hereby authorized to be published in the Retrospect on December 31,2020.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a public hearing on the budget will be held at the Westmont Fire Co. No.1, 120 Haddon Ave, Westmont, NJ Jan. 14,2021 at 8pm 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.

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Secretary's Signature  
Board of Commissioners Recorded Vote

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Date

<b>Member</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Henry E. Voigtsberger				
William G. Tessing, III				
Franklin P. Jackson, 5th				
William G. Tessing, IV				
Joseph P. Piscopio				