

RESOLUTION R:145-2022

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN APPROPRIATIONS AND LEVY CAP EXEMPTION FOR A THREE-YEAR PERIOD FOR INCREASES IN LIABILITY, WORKER'S COMPENSATION, CYBER LIABILITY AND PROPERTY INSURANCE

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45, et al, a municipality is required to limit any increase in its levy to 2.0% and any increase in appropriations to 2 1/2% or the cost-of-living adjustment, whatever is less, over the prior year's final appropriations subject to certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, all local public entities have incurred an estimated \$50 million in COVID related worker's compensation claims and it is anticipated that these costs will continue to increase as a result of long-term COVID cases; and

WHEREAS, a 2021 New Jersey Department of Labor decision regarding workers compensation funding has generated increased costs to municipalities by over 10% in order to cover claims that were previously funded by the State pension system; and

WHEREAS, a recent amendment to the sexual molestation statute of limitations will increase total liability costs by an estimated amount of 6%; and

WHEREAS, the frequency of weather-related catastrophic claims and corresponding impacts are anticipated to increase property insurance costs by over 10% per year; and

WHEREAS, cyber liability events throughout the country have resulted in doubling premium costs in 2022 and such costs are expected to accelerate at a pace far greater than the rate of inflation; and

WHEREAS, these increasing costs, regulations, policy decisions and environmental impacts are occurring when many other items and costs in municipal budgets are also increasing at an inflationary rate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, that N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45 be amended to provide that appropriations in the first three years after the effective date of (this amendment) for liability insurance, worker's compensation insurance, cyber insurance, and property insurance be exempt from the Appropriation CAP and the Levy CAP.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the New Jersey Legislative representatives for the Township of Monroe.

ADOPTED at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe on June 27, 2022.

TOWNSHIP OF MONROE

CNCL. PRES., GREGORY A. WOLFE

ATTEST:

**Twp. Clerk, Aileen Chiselko, RMC
or Deputy Clerk, Jennifer Harbison, RMC**

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CERTIFICATION OF CLERK

The foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Monroe, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, held on the 27th day of June 2022 in the Municipal Complex located at 125 Virginia Avenue, Williamstown, New Jersey.

**Twp. Clerk, Aileen Chiselko, RMC
or Deputy Clerk, Jennifer Harbison, RMC**

ROLL CALL VOTE

	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Cncl. Falcone				
Cncl. Fox				
Cncl. Garbowski				
Cncl. McKinney				
Cncl. O’Reilly				
Cncl. Valcourt				
Cncl. Pres. Wolfe				
Tally:				