N.J.A.C. 5:31-2: APPENDIX F

Fire District Levy Cap Referendum Public Question

The Public Question and Interpretative Statement to be placed on the ballot shall be as follows:

Public Question

"Shall the Board of Commissioners of (name and number of fire district) be authorized to adopt the (insert year) Fire District Budget, despite the fact that its property tax levy will exceed the Property Tax Levy Cap Maximum Allowable Amount to be Raised by Taxation increase limitation by (insert percent) or (insert dollar amount) as provided by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.46b?"

A "yes" vote will authorize the Board of Commissioners of the fire district to adopt the budget that was introduced and published. N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.45 establishes a cap of two percent (2%) on the amount a property tax levy can increase. This amount can be exceeded when approved by referendum of the voters.

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

(List line items)

... 

If referendum is approved (a “yes” vote) by a vote in excess of 50 percent of the voters casting a vote at the referendum, the budget will be deemed adopted.

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

(Insert here “any other such relevant information as the Board may wish to include” in the Statement.).”