



Council Meeting AGENDA

Borough of Hawthorne, Passaic County, New Jersey 07506

SOON

January 21, 2026, 7 PM

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ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

STATEMENT

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by the Annual Schedule of Regular Meetings heretofore adopted and posted on the Public Bulletin Board at the Municipal Building, posted on the official Borough website, www.hawthornenj.org, and emailed to The Herald News, The Record, The Gazette and all persons who have requested the mailing of such since November 17, 2025.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the Special Meeting of December 22, 2025 and Regular Meeting of January 7, 2026.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Agenda Items Only – 5 minute limit)

NEW BUSINESS ~ OLD BUSINESS

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA PRESENTED BY MAYOR LANE

PRESENTATION: Sustainable Jersey 2025 Silver Certification Councilwoman Rayna Laiosa

REPORTS

Borough Attorney Michael J. Pasquale
Borough Engineer Joseph Byrne, Boswell Engineering
Borough Administrator Vincent Caruso

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 2379-26

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE 2026 SALARIES, WAGES AND COMPENSATION OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

ORDINANCE NO. 2380-26

AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 505, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLE II, TRAFFIC REGULATIONS, SECTION 505-16, TRUCKS OVER CERTAIN WEIGHTS EXCLUDED, SO AS TO SET FORTH MINIMUM FINES FOR CERTAIN ROADWAYS THEREUNDER.

RESOLUTIONS

OFF-CONSENT

R 23-26 Budget Transfers

CONSENT AGENDA: MR 01-26, R 24-26 to R 29-26:

MR 01-26 Installation of HC Parking Space

- R 24-26** Redemption of Lien Certificate # 23-00009
- R 25-26** Award Contract, Water Service Line Replacement, Phase 4, Pacific Construction
- R 26-26** Change Orders 1 and 2, Roller Hockey Rink Improvements System, Downes
- R 27-26** Change Order 1, Goffle Hill and Mary Street Water Tanks, Boswell LSRP Services
- R 28-26** Emergency Contract, Pump Repairs, Cedar Ave Well, Subsurface Technologies
- R 29-26** Authorize Settlement of Tax Appeal, Glen Rock Savings, Blk 118, Lot 3

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COUNCIL COMMITTEES

CORRESPONDENCE

C-1 New firefighter applicant Carlos Morales-Barriga to Company #4.

BILLS

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

**THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING IS
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2026 AT 7 PM**

ORDINANCE NO. 2379-26

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE 2026 SALARIES, WAGES AND COMPENSATION OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

The Municipal Council of the Borough of Hawthorne in the County of Passaic and the State of New Jersey, do ordain as follows:

Section 1. Ordinance No. 2379-26 of the Borough of Hawthorne, an Ordinance to Fix the Salaries, Wages and Compensation of the Employees of the Borough of Hawthorne, County of Passaic and State of New Jersey, is hereby amended as follows:

SALARY ORDINANCE 2026

<u>Position/Title</u>	2026
Tax Collector/Collector of Rents/Tax Search Officer	\$ 95,000.00

Section 2. All ordinance and parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provision of this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed, but only to the extent of such inconsistencies.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after final passage, provided notice of the same has been duly published all as required by law.

Frank E. Matthews
Council President

ATTEST:
Lori Fernandez, RMC, CMC
Borough Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 2380-26

AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 505, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, ARTICLE II, TRAFFIC REGULATIONS, SECTION 505-16, TRUCKS OVER CERTAIN WEIGHTS EXCLUDED, SO AS TO SET FORTH MINIMUM FINES FOR CERTAIN ROADWAYS THEREUNDER

WHEREAS, overweight vehicles operating on roads in the Borough of Hawthorne present a danger to persons and property, necessitating the adoption of regulations prohibiting the same on those roadways in the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the operation of such vehicles on particular roads, most notably those located to the west of Goffle Road, presents a particular danger due to steep slopes and grade changes, requiring the establishment of fines and penalties designed to prevent such operation of vehicles;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Municipal Council of the Borough of Hawthorne, in the County of Passaic and State of New Jersey, that:

Section 1. Chapter 505, Vehicles and Traffic, Article II, Traffic Regulations, Section 505-16, Trucks Over Certain Weights Excluded, Section A, shall be amended so as to add thereto subsection B, the entire Section to read as follows:

Sec. 505-16. Trucks over certain weights excluded.

- A. Trucks over certain weights excluded. Trucks in excesses of the gross vehicle weights indicated, as determined by the vehicle's Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) or Registered Gross Vehicle Weight (RGVW), are excluded from the streets or parts of streets described in Schedule XII, (§505-65A), except for the pick-up or delivery of materials on such streets.
- B. In addition to any other penalty provided for at law, any person convicted of a violation of this section while operating an overweight vehicle on any street or section thereof located to the west of Goffle Road in the Borough of Hawthorne shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$1,000 for a first offense of this section with fines for second and subsequent violations to be not less than \$1,500 for a second offense and \$2,000 for any third and subsequent offense. In all such instances, a Court appearance shall be required. Nothing in this section shall limit the authority of the Court to impose a higher fine or additional penalty in the discretion of the Court.

Section 2. All other parts and provisions of Chapter 505 not specifically affected by the above amendments and modifications shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after final adoption and publication as provided by law.

Frank E. Matthews, Council President

Attest:

Lori Fernandez, RMC, CMC
Borough Clerk