

**ORDINANCE NO. 2385-26**

**AN ORDINANCE TO FURTHER AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 444, STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, ARTICLE V, SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL, SECTION 444-14, REMOVAL REQUIRED, TO INCLUDE REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE AROUND FIRE HYDRANTS LOCATED UPON OR ADJOINING LANDS**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Municipal Council of the Borough of Hawthorne, in the County of Passaic and State of New Jersey, that Chapter 444, Streets and Sidewalks, Article V, Snow and Ice Removal, Section 444-14, Removal Required, be amended so as to require removal of snow and ice from around fire hydrants by the owners of property upon which such fire hydrant is located or otherwise adjoins. The revised section shall provide as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 444, Streets and Sidewalks, Article V, Snow and Ice Removal, Section 444-14, shall be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 444-14. Removal Required.

- a. It shall be the duty of the owner or owners, occupant or occupants of any premises abutting or bordering upon any street, avenue or highway in the Borough of Hawthorne having a public sidewalk to remove or cause to be removed all ice and snow from the public sidewalk in front of said premises within eight hours of daylight after the same shall have been formed thereon. No snow or ice shall be removed from the sidewalk, any driveway or driveway apron, any other lands, or any vehicle located in a driveway that has been covered with snow or ice, into the street, avenue or highway.
- b. In addition to snow and ice removal from sidewalks as noted in Section (a) above, it shall be the duty of the owner or owners, occupant or occupants of any premises upon which is located a fire hydrant, including any fire hydrant located between the street and any such property, to remove snow and ice from around said fire hydrant within the same time parameters set forth above so as to permit clear access to the same for firefighting purposes. A minimum 3-foot radius shall be provided around the hydrant. A violation of this section, which may be enforced by any member of the Hawthorne Police Department or the Property Maintenance Officer of the Borough, shall result in a fine of \$100. This is in addition to any remedy set forth elsewhere herein including under Section 444-15, below.

Section 2. All other parts and provisions of Chapter 444 not specifically affected by the above amendments and modifications shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. 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

**NOTICE OF PENDING ORDINANCE**

The Ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Municipal Council of the Borough of Hawthorne, in the County of Passaic, New Jersey, held on February 18, 2026. It will be further considered for final passage after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of said Municipal Council to be held in the Municipal Building, 445 Lafayette Avenue, in said Borough, on March 4, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., at which time and place all interested members of the public who desire will be given an opportunity to be heard in connection with said Ordinance, and during the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of said Ordinance will be made available on the borough website, <https://www.hawthornenj.org/651/Legal-Notices-Bids-RFPs> and through the Clerk's Office in said Municipal Building to the members of the general public who shall request the same.

**CERTIFICATION**  
I, Lori Fernandez, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Hawthorne, County of Passaic State of New Jersey, do hereby certify this copy of Ordinance 2385-26 to be a true copy as adopted by the Municipal Council on 2/18/26

*L. Fernandez*  
Lori Fernandez, RMC, CMC, Borough Clerk