

**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:

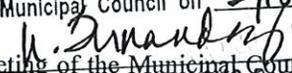
Sec. 505-16. Trucks over certain weights excluded.

- 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.

Attest:  
Lori Fernandez, RMC, CMC  
Borough Clerk

I, Lori Fernandez, Borough Clerk of the  
 Borough of Hawthorne, County of Passaic  
 State of New Jersey, do hereby certify this  
 copy of Ordinance 2380-26  
 to be a true copy as adopted by the  
 Municipal Council on 2/18/26  
  
 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 January 21, 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 February 18, 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, [www.hawthornenj.org](http://www.hawthornenj.org), and at the Clerk's Office in said Municipal Building to the members of the general public who shall request the same.

Lori Fernandez, RMC, CMC, Borough Clerk