



The City of Poughkeepsie New York

Common Council Public Hearing Minutes

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

6:00 PM

Common Council Chambers

I WELCOME:

Welcome to the scheduled Public Hearing of the City of Poughkeepsie Common Council. The date is Tuesday, April 7, 2026 and the time is 6:00pm.

This Public Hearing is for the purpose of receiving comments on a Local Law amending various sections of the city's code to remove specific fees and instead refer to a fee schedule to be adopted by the Common Council from time to time.

II ROLL CALL

9 Present, 0 Absent ()

III PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: NONE

A motion to Recess Public Hearing Until 6:15pm was made by 4th Ward Council Member Shook and seconded by 6th Ward Council Member Grant.

MOTION TO RECESS PUBLIC HEARING - VOICE VOTE	
Yes/Aye:	1st Ward Council Member Henry, 2nd Ward Councilmember Menist, 3rd Ward Council Member Brown, 5th Ward Council Member James, 6th Ward Council Member Grant, 7th Ward Council Member Patterson Thompson, 4th Ward Council Member Shook, Council Member At-Large Wilson, 8th Ward Councilmember Atonna
No/Nay:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	
Result:	Passed

Official Minutes of the Common Council Public Hearing of April 7, 2026

A motion to Resume the Public Hearing was made by 3rd Ward Council Member Brown and seconded by 6th Ward Council Member Grant.

MOTION TO RESUME THE PUBLIC HEARING - VOICE VOTE	
Yes/Aye:	1st Ward Council Member Henry, 2nd Ward Councilmember Menist, 3rd Ward Council Member Brown, 5th Ward Council Member James, 6th Ward Council Member Grant, 7th Ward Council Member Patterson Thompson, 4th Ward Council Member Shook, Council Member At-Large Wilson, 8th Ward Councilmember Atonna
No/Nay:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	
Result:	Passed

IV ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:15 pm a motion to adjourn and close the public hearing was made by 2nd Ward Councilmember Menist and seconded by 3rd Ward Council Member Brown.

Dated: April 8, 2026

I hereby certify that this true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Common Council Public Hearing held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026.

**Respectfully submitted,
Donna M. DeLuca
Deputy City Chamberlain**



PUBLIC HEARING MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, April 7, 2026
6:00 PM
Common Council Chambers

City of Poughkeepsie Common Council Public Hearing;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Charter and Codes of the City of Poughkeepsie, one Common Council Public Hearing will be held on **Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 6:00 pm** respectively, in the Common Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall, 62 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie, NY for the purpose of receiving comments on:

A Local Law Amending Various Sections of the City's Code to Remove Specific Fees and Instead Refer to a Fee Schedule to be Adopted by the Common Council from Time to Time

- I.** Welcome
- II.** Roll Call
- III.** Public Participation
- IV.** Adjournment:

**CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK
COMMON COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARINGS
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026**

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1. A Local Law Amending Various Sections of the City's Code to Remove Specific Fees and Instead Refer to a Fee Schedule to be Adopted by the Common Council from Time to Time

When: Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 6:00 PM (EST)

Location: Common Council Chambers, 3rd FL, City Hall, 62 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Dated: March 18, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

Jamar M. Cummings
City Chamberlain

**RESOLUTION
(R-26-21)**

**RESOLUTION INTRODUCING A LOCAL LAW AMENDING VARIOUS
SECTIONS OF THE CITY’S CODE TO REMOVE SPECIFIC FEES AND
INSTEAD REFER TO A FEE SCHEDULE TO BE ADOPTED BY THE
COMMON COUNCIL FROM TIME TO TIME**

**INTRODUCED BY CHARIMAN WILSON; COUNCILMEMBER SHOOK, PATTERSON
THOMPSON, HENRY, MENIST AND GRANT:**

BE IT RESOLVED that an introductory Local Law entitled, “A LOCAL LAW AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE CITY’S CODE TO REMOVE SPECIFIC FEES AND INSTEAD REFER TO A FEE SCHEDULE TO BE ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL FROM TIME TO TIME” be and hereby is introduced before the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie in the County of Dutchess and State of New York; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law are laid upon the desk of each member of the Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council shall hold a public hearing on said proposed local law to receive comment from the public on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 6:00 pm in the Common Council Chambers, Third Floor, City Hall, 62 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie, New York;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk publish or cause to be published a public notice in the official newspaper of the City of Poughkeepsie of said public hearing at least five (5) days prior thereto.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____ .

LOCAL LAW AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE CITY'S CODE TO REMOVE SPECIFIC FEES AND INSTEAD REFER TO A FEE SCHEDULE TO BE ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL FROM TIME TO TIME

(LL-26-____)

INTRODUCED BY _____

STRIKETHROUGH-INDICATES DELETION
BOLD and UNDERLINE INDICATES ADDED LANGUAGE

SECTION 1. Section 4-10 "Fees for dog licenses," subsection (a)(1) is amended as follows:

(a) There shall be a license fee due to the City of Poughkeepsie ~~as follows:~~ **as set forth on a fee schedule adopted by resolution of the Common Council, and as may be amended from time to time.**

- (1) ~~For a one-year license, the fee shall be:~~
 - a. ~~For each spayed or neutered dog: \$7.~~
 - b. ~~For each unspayed or unneutered dog: \$20.50.~~

SECTION 2. Section 5-76 "Application for permit to be filed; fee; information," subsections (a) and (b) shall be amended as follows:

(a) Each person desiring to procure a permit shall file with the City Chamberlain a written application upon a form prepared and furnished by the city, together with a permit fee ~~of \$7~~ **as set forth on a fee schedule adopted by resolution of the Common Council, and as may be amended from time to time.** Such application shall contain the following information:

- (1) The name and address of the applicant, residence, business.
- (2) A description of the premises upon which the sale is to take place.
- (3) The date on which and the hours between which the sale is to take place.
- (4) The name of the owner of the premises if other than the applicant, as well as a statement indicating by what right the applicant will use the aforesaid premises and the written consent of the owner of the holding of such sale.

(b) A block association of the City of Poughkeepsie desiring to sponsor a garage sale and to procure a permit for the same shall file with the City Chamberlain a written application upon a form prepared and furnished by the city, together with a permit fee ~~of \$25~~ **as set forth on a fee schedule adopted by resolution of the Common Council, and as may be amended from time to time.** Such application shall contain the following information:

- (1) The name, mailing address and officers of the block association.
- (2) The name and address of each residence or business that will partake in the garage sale.

- (3) A description of each premises upon which the sale is to take place.
- (4) The date upon which and the hours between which the sale is intended to be conducted.
- (5) The name of the owner of any premises taking part in the sale if other than the names listed above, as well as a statement indicating by what right the applicant will use the aforesaid premises and the written consent of the owner for the holding of such sale.

SECTION 3. Section 10-7 “License fees and costs,” subsection (a) shall be amended as follows:

The following ~~fees~~ fees and costs for licenses authorized under this chapter **will be set forth on a fee schedule adopted by resolution of the Common Council, and as may be amended from time to time.**

(a) ~~are hereby established:~~

~~(1) Fees:~~

- ~~a. Annual fee for hawkers, peddlers and vendors: \$200.~~
- ~~b. Semiannual fee, per six month period: \$125.~~
- ~~c. Daily fee for vendors only at special events: \$25.~~
- ~~d. Replacement fee, lost/stolen license: \$75.~~

SECTION 4. Section 13-312 “Towing license required,” subsection (c) shall be amended as follows:

(c) The fee for a towing license **and for the renewal/amendment of a towing license** shall be ~~\$250 per year or any fraction of a year for each towing company or tow operator~~ **as set forth on a fee schedule adopted by resolution of the Common Council, and as may be amended from time to time.**

Payment of the fee shall be due upon application for the license. ~~The fee for renewal or amendment of a towing license shall be \$50 which shall be due upon application for such renewal or amendment.~~ Such license fees shall be nonrefundable.

SECTION 5. Section 13 ¼-4 “Issuance of municipal identity cards,” subsections (b) and (c) shall be amended as follows:

(b) The City of Poughkeepsie shall establish an application fee for municipal identification cards ~~of \$10 for adults and \$5 for people under the age of 18 or over the age of 62~~ **as set forth on a fee schedule adopted by resolution of the Common Council, and as may be amended from time to time.**

For those who cannot afford to pay the set fee, the City of Poughkeepsie will allow for a hardship waiver if witnessed and authenticated documentation can be produced thereby establishing difficulty to pay.

(c) The Poughkeepsie ID card shall be valid for a period of four years from the date of issuance, and thereafter must be renewed in order to remain active and receive benefit with a renewal fee ~~of \$5~~ **as set forth on a fee schedule adopted by resolution of the Common Council, and as may be amended from time to time.**

SECTION 6. Section 14-67 “Permit required,” subsection (b) shall be amended as follows:

(b) The fee for this application and permit will be ~~\$1,500, which shall include one inspection and one reinspection. Each reinspection thereafter shall require an additional fee of \$50 per reinspection.~~ **as set forth on a fee schedule adopted by resolution of the Common Council, and as may be amended from time to time. The fee schedule shall also establish a fee for each reinspection needed in order to pass inspection.** If the establishment does not pass inspection by the third attempt, the business must begin the process over and reapply for an after-hours permit.

SECTION 7. This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the New York State Secretary of State.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____: