



The City of Poughkeepsie New York

Common Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 2, 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, June 2, 2026 and the time is 6:07pm.

This Public Hearing is for the purpose of receiving comments on a proposed local law to reduce the Citywide Speed Limit from 30 MPH to 25 MPH.

II ROLL CALL

6 Present, 3 Absent (6th Ward Council Member Christopher Grant, 4th Ward Council Member Nathan Shook, Council Member At-Large Da'Ron Wilson)

III PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Five (5) minutes per person of public comment on the agenda item only.

Ken Stickle - Catharine St
Jeff Aman - S. Barnard Ave
Lynne James - Parkwood Blvd
Laurie Sandow - S. Grand Ave

IV ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:33 pm a motion to close the public hearing was made by 2nd Ward Councilmember Menist and seconded by 3rd Ward Council Member Brown.

Dated: June 3, 2026

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Common Council Public Hearing held on Tuesday, June 2, 2026.

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



PUBLIC HEARING MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, June 2, 2026
6:00 PM
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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, June 2, 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 To Reduce The Citywide Speed Limit From 30 MPH To 25 MPH

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

**RESOLUTION
(R-26-42)**

**RESOLUTION INTRODUCING A LOCAL LAW TO REDUCE
THE CITYWIDE SPEED LIMIT FROM 30 MPH TO 25 MPH**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER SHOOK, PATTERSON THOMPSON, MENIST,
BROWN, JAMES, GRANT AND ATONNA :**

BE IT RESOLVED that an introductory Local Law entitled, “**A LOCAL LAW TO
REDUCE THE CITYWIDE SPEED LIMIT FROM 30 MPH TO 25 MPH**” 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, June 2, 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 GRANT .

(LL-26-XX)

**A LOCAL LAW TO REDUCE
THE CITYWIDE SPEED LIMIT FROM 30 MPH TO 25 MPH**

SPONSOR:

BE IT ENACTED, by the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie as follows:

~~STRIKETHROUGH INDICATES DELETION~~
BOLD and UNDERLINE INDICATES ADDED LANGUAGE

Section 1. Legislative History and Intent: This local law is adopted pursuant to authority set forth in Vehicle & Traffic Law §1643, which permits the City to adopt a city-wide speed limit of 25 miles per hour. The City takes notice of the vehicular safety findings and studies supporting this authorization as set forth in Chapter 496 of the New York Laws of 2022, and the City has reviewed the City of Poughkeepsie Speed Limit Reduction Assessment; Methodology and Results prepared by Creighton Manning, December 5, 2024. The licensed engineers of Creighton Manning took into account the engineering considerations and factors for speed limits set forth in the manual and specifications for a uniform system of traffic control devices maintained by the Commissioner of Transportation pursuant to Section 1680 of the Transportation Law.

Section 2. Section 13-90 “Maximum Speed Limits Established,” subsections (d) and (e) are amended as follows:

~~(d) *Twenty-five miles an hour.*~~

(1) All motor vehicles, except those restricted by this section to lower maximum speeds, when operated on any street in the City.

(2) All motor trucks when operated on any street in the city.

~~(1) All motor vehicles, except those restricted by this section to lower maximum speeds, when approaching an intersection which is not controlled by a traffic officer or traffic control signal.~~

~~(e) *Thirty miles an hour.*~~

~~(1) All motor vehicles, except those restricted by this section to lower maximum speeds, when operated on any street in the City.~~

~~(2) All motor trucks when operated on any street in the city.~~

Section 3. This local law shall be filed with the Secretary of State and shall be effective as of August 1, 2026.