

**CITY OF HACKENSACK
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DATE: April 22, 2026
FROM: Timothy Hoffman, Acting City Clerk
RE: Ordinance 07-2026

PLEASE NOTE, THE FOLLOWING IS TO BE PUBLISHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:

**CITY OF HACKENSACK
ORDINANCE NO. 07-2026**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ordinance No. 07-2026 of the City of Hackensack, County of Bergen and State of New Jersey, entitled: **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 148 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF HACKENSACK, "STREETS AND SIDEWALKS," ARTICLE II, "GENERAL REGULATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS" TO CLARIFY OBSTRUCTION OF FIRE HYDRANTS** was introduced and has passed its first reading at a meeting of the governing body of the City of Hackensack, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, on April 21, 2026 It will be further considered for final passage after a public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the City Council to be held at City Hall, Council Chambers, 65 Central Avenue, on May 5, 2026 at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached.

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CODE OF THE CITY OF HACKENSACK, "STREETS
AND SIDEWALKS," ARTICLE II, "GENERAL
REGULATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS" TO CLARIFY
OBSTRUCTION OF FIRE HYDRANTS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-2, the governing body of a municipality may make, amend, repeal, and enforce such other ordinances, regulations, rules and by-laws not contrary to the laws of this state or of the United States, as it may deem necessary and proper for the good of government,

order and protection of person and property, and for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants, and as may be necessary to carry into effect the powers and duties conferred and imposed by this subtitle, or by any law; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hackensack wishes to amend Chapter 148 of the Code of the City of Hackensack, entitled “Streets and Sidewalks,” to clarify the general regulations and restrictions for obstructing a fire hydrant; and,

WHEREAS, the Hackensack Police Department and the Fire Department have recommended these changes; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it is in the City’s best interest to take this action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HACKENSACK, as follows:

Section 1:

Chapter 148, Article II, Section 16 of the Code of the City of Hackensack is hereby amended as follows [additions by underline, deletions by ~~striketrough~~]:

§148-16 Obstruction of fire hydrants.

~~No obstruction of any kind shall be placed upon any street or public place within 10 feet of any fire hydrant, and the space around all such hydrants shall at all times within the limit aforesaid be kept open and unobstructed. No person shall at any time park a motor vehicle or obstruction within a (10) ten foot perimeter of a fire hydrant or obstruct a fire drafting site or Fire Department connection/appliance at all times. The Police Department, Fire Department, or its designated agents are authorized to tow motor vehicles and remove obstructions at their discretion, at the expense of the owner.~~

Section 2:

All other provisions of Chapter 170 of the Code of the City of Hackensack shall remain unchanged.

Section 3:

Repeal of Inconsistent Provisions. All ordinances or parts thereof in conflict or

inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, but only however, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, it being the legislative intent that all ordinances or part of ordinances now existing or in effect unless the same being conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance shall remain in effect.

Section 4:

Severability. The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable and if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof for any reason is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance, but shall remain in effect; it being the legislative intent this Ordinance shall stand notwithstanding the invalidity of any part.

Section 5:

Codification. This Ordinance shall be a part of the Code of the City of Hackensack as though codified and fully set forth therein. The City Clerk shall have this ordinance codified and incorporated in the official copies of the Code. The City Clerk and the City Attorney are authorized and directed to change any Chapter, Article and/or Section number of the Code of the City of Hackensack in the event that the codification of this Ordinance reveals that there is a conflict between the numbers and the existing Code, and in order to avoid confusion and possible accidental repealers of existing provisions not intended to be repealed.

Section 6:

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage, adoption, and publication in the manner prescribed by law.

Timothy Hoffman, Acting City Clerk