

**BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE
ORDINANCE #26-1**

**AN ORDINANCE TO FIX THE SALARY, WAGE AND COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS AND
EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF RIVER EDGE, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, AND STATE OF
NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2026**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of River Edge:

Section 1. The compensation for the full-time positions and officers of the Borough of River Edge for the year 2026 shall be as follows:

2026			
	HOURLY	ANNUALLY	
	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	MINIMUM
POLICE			
Chief		\$100,000.00	\$ 220,000.00
Secretary		\$45,000.00	\$70,000.00
Police Dispatcher		\$30,000.00	\$65,000.00
Records Clerk		\$40,000.00	\$60,000.00
BOROUGH HALL			
Mayor		\$1.00	\$5,000.00
Each Council Person		\$1.00	\$4,000.00
Borough Administrator		\$100,000.00	\$ 195,000.00
Assistant Borough Administrator		\$5,000.00	\$11,000.00
Qualified Purchasing Agent		\$5,000.00	\$11,000.00
Assistant Purchasing Agent		\$5,000.00	\$8,500.00
Chief Financial Officer		\$50,000.00	\$100,000.00
Borough Clerk		\$65,000.00	\$130,000.00
Deputy Borough Clerk		\$50,000.00	\$77,000.00
Deputy Treasurer		\$60,000.00	\$100,000.00
Accounts Supervisor		\$50,000.00	\$80,000.00
Technical Assistant to Construction Official		\$45,000.00	\$70,000.00
Assistant Zoning Officer		\$50,000.00	\$90,000.00
Administrative Assistant		\$40,000.00	\$65,000.00
Court Administrator		\$50,000.00	\$90,000.00
Director of Recreation		\$45,000.00	\$90,000.00
Assistant to the Director of Recreation and Cultural Affairs		\$40,000.00	\$60,000.00
Accounts Payable Clerk		\$40,000.00	\$65,000.00
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS			
Superintendent of Public Works		\$100,000.00	\$205,000.00
General Foreperson		\$85,000.00	\$135,000.00
Road Foreperson		\$75,000.00	\$125,000.00
Office Manager/Administrative Assistant/		\$55,000.00	\$98,000.00
Certified Recycling Professional		\$40,000.00	\$70,000.00

Section 2. Longevity. In addition to the salaries set forth above, all full-time employees holding these positions listed herein shall have added to base pay the following percentage computed on the basis of the prevailing salary:

Date of Employment Pre- 1/1/94

Date of Employment Post - 1/1/94 – 7/1/11

During:

5 - 8 years of service - 2%
9 -12 years of service - 4%
13-16 years of service - 6%
17-20 years of service - 8%
21 Plus years of service-10%

During:

5 - 8 years of service-2%-not to exceed \$480
9 - 12 years of service-4%-not to exceed \$960
13-16 years of service-6%-not to exceed \$1,440
17-20 years of service-8%-not to exceed \$1,920
21 Plus years of service-10%-not to exceed \$2,400

Section 3. Regular, full-time employees who have been hired after July 1, 2011 shall not be entitled to longevity payments in addition to their salary.

Section 4. Compensation for the following part-time positions and officers of the Borough of River Edge for the year 2026 is hereby supplemented and amended as follows:

	HOURLY		ANNUALLY	
	<u>MINIMUM</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>
Tax				
Assessor			\$20,000.00	\$37,000.00
Tax Collector			\$20,000.00	\$60,000.00
Deputy Tax Collector			\$2,500.00	\$15,000.00
Tax Collection Clerk	Min. Wage	\$30.00		
Assistant Tax Collector	Min. Wage	\$35.00		
Building/Zoning/Code Enforcement				
Construction Official			\$10,000.00	\$40,000.00
Building & Sub-Code Officer			\$3,000.00	\$30,000.00
Fire Code Sub-Code Officer			\$3,000.00	\$30,000.00
Zoning Officer			\$10,000.00	\$40,000.00
Building Inspector			\$3,000.00	\$30,000.00
Electric Inspector			\$3,000.00	\$30,000.00
Plumbing Inspector			\$3,000.00	\$30,000.00
Plumbing Sub-Code Officer.			\$3,000.00	\$30,000.00
Electrical Sub-Code Officer			\$3,000.00	\$30,000.00
Code Enforcer	Min. Wage	\$35.00		
Temporary Building Inspector	Min. Wage	\$34.00		
Finance				
Payroll Clerk			\$25,000.00	\$51,000.00
Accounts Receivable Clerk	Min. Wage	\$30.00		
Accounts Payable Clerk	Min. Wage	\$30.00		
Fire Prevention				
Fire Inspector	Min. Wage	\$40.00	\$2,750.00	\$4,000.00
Fire Official			\$8,550.00	\$26,000.00
Fire Prev./Fire Dept./Emerg. Mgmt Clerk	Min. Wage	\$35.00		
Fire Department				
Fire Chief			\$2,500.00	\$4,000.00
Assistant Chief			\$2,400.00	\$3,800.00
Deputy Chief			\$2,400.00	\$3,800.00
Captain			\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00
Lieutenant			\$1,800.00	\$2,700.00
Firefighters			\$600.00	\$1,000.00
Municipal Court				

Temporary Court Administrator	Min. Wage	\$42.00		
Deputy Court Administrator	Min. Wage	\$35.00		
Municipal Judge		\$11,100.00	\$20,094.00	
Prosecutor		\$3,300.00	\$12,000.00	
Substitute Prosecutor		\$85.00	\$100.00	
Court Cashier/Clerk/Data Entry Operator	Min. Wage	\$34.00		

Planning Board

Assessor/Land Use Clerk	Min. Wage	\$34.00	\$13,950.00	\$35,000.00
Recording Secretary	Min. Wage	\$25.00		

OEM

Emergency Management Coord.		\$2,750.00	\$14,000.00
Deputy Emergency Mgmt.Coord.		\$1,000.00	\$5,000.00

Recreation

Assistant to the Director of Recreation and Cultural Affairs	Min. Wage	\$35.00	\$20,000.00	\$60,000.00
Camp Director(s)	Min. Wage	\$35.00		
Assistant Camp Director	Min. Wage	\$35.00		
Camp Office Manager	Min. Wage	\$32.00		
Activities Coordinator	Min. Wage	\$28.00		
Arts & Craft Leader	Min. Wage	\$28.00		
Unit Leader(s)	Min. Wage	\$28.00		
Assistant Unit Leaders	Min. Wage	\$28.00		
Counselors	Min. Wage	\$20.00		
Instructors	Min. Wage	\$30.00		
Park Attendant	Min. Wage	\$30.00		

Health

Public Health Nurse		\$22,250.00	\$50,000.00
Board of Health Secretary	Min. Wage	\$30.00	
Registrar of Vital Statistics		\$1,500.00	\$5,000.00
Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics	Min. Wage	\$42.50	\$1,500.00
			\$5,000.00

Public Works

Custodian/Borough Hall	Min. Wage	\$30.00	\$13,950.00	\$35,700.00
Sewer Operator		\$600.00		\$7,000.00
Extra Laborers	Min. Wage	\$30.00		
Temporary Acting Superintendent of Public Works	Min. Wage	\$100.00		
Bus/Van Dispatchers	Min. Wage	\$30.00		
Municipal Certified Recycling Coordinator	Min. Wage	\$35.00		
Operator	Min. Wage	\$35.00		

Police

Police Matron	Min. Wage	\$30.00
Police Dispatcher	Min. Wage	\$30.00
Class II Officer	Min. Wage	\$50.00
Class III Officer		\$38.00
School Crossing Guards	Min. Wage	\$50.00
Court Officer	Min. Wage	\$27.00
		\$30.00

Various

Temp. Clerical Employees	Min. Wage	\$30.00
Clerk/Typist	Min. Wage	\$30.00

Bookkeeper/Secretary	Min. Wage	\$30.00
Code Inspector	Min. Wage	\$30.00
Historic Preservation Fund Certified		
Local Grant –Document Scanner	Min. Wage	\$40.00
		\$
Website Administrator		1,000.00
		\$
Affordable Housing Liaison		10,000.00
		\$
		3,000.00
		\$
		15,000.00

Section 5: The compensation for Judges who shall serve in the absence of the Municipal Court Judge, shall be paid whenever required, on a varying scale of ZERO to EIGHTY-FIVE dollars (\$0 - \$85.00) per hour, upon presentation of duly executed voucher as required by law.

Section 6: The compensation for Prosecutors who shall serve in the absence of the Municipal Prosecutor, shall be paid whenever required, on a varying scale of ZERO to EIGHTY-FIVE dollars (\$0 to \$85.00) per hour, upon presentation of duly executed voucher as required by law.

Section 7: In addition to the salaries set forth herein, non-contractual employees of the Borough of River Edge covered under this ordinance shall be entitled to those benefits as specified in the Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual adopted by Resolution #21-264, dated September 13, 2021, and updated by Resolution #23-239, dated August 14, 2023 and Resolution #25-244, dated September 25, 2025.

Section 8: In addition to the salaries set forth herein, the Borough Administrator of the Borough of River Edge covered under this ordinance shall be entitled to those benefits as specified in her contract as adopted by Resolution #20-283, dated December 14, 2020, Resolution #21-339, dated December 13, 2021, Resolution #22-358, dated January 4, 2023, and Resolution #24-360, dated January 6, 2025.

Section 9: Compensation for the part-time Recreation personnel, with the exception of the Assistant to the Director of Recreation and the Park Attendant, shall be paid from the respective program trust accounts associated with said personnel.

Section 10: Any difference in terms between the above policy and ordinance, the policy will be deemed dispositive. The employee compensation disclosure form shall be made part of any formal action taken by the local unit, but shall not be considered part of any contract or agreement.

Section 11: The salaries, wages or compensation of all officers and employees shall be paid in twenty-four (24) installments, or upon presentation of duly executed vouchers as required by law.

Section 12: This ordinance shall take effect as of January 1, 2026 when passed and published as required by law.

INTRODUCED:

ADOPTED:

Thomas Papaleo, Mayor

Anne Dodd, RMC
Borough Clerk