



BOROUGH OF HATBORO COUNCIL

**BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2025
6:00 PM**

BUDGET WORKSHOP AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

2026 PRELIMINARY BUDGET DISCUSSION

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

The Borough of Hatboro Public Comment Policy

I. BACKGROUND STATEMENT

The Pennsylvania Sunshine Act (65 Pa. C.S. 701, et seq) provides that the Board or Council of a political subdivision shall provide a reasonable opportunity at each advertised regular meeting and advertised special meetings for residents of the political subdivision or for taxpayers of the political subdivision to comment on matters of concern, official action or deliberation which are or may be before the Board or Council prior to taking official action. (710.1).

To assure compliance with the Act, to inform members of the public who may wish to make a comment, and to provide for predictable and orderly implementation of the public comment period, Hatboro Borough Council has adopted this Public Comment Policy.

II. POLICY STATEMENT

1. Every regular and special meetings of Hatboro Borough Council shall have, as an agenda item, a period of time (Public Comment Period) set aside for receiving comments from Hatboro Borough residents and taxpayers as identified in the Act.
2. No member of the public shall make a comment for more than three (3) minutes. No member of the public shall be allowed to delegate his/her time to any other members.
3. A period of time may be set aside for receiving additional comments from those members of the public attending a meeting who are not Hatboro Borough residents or taxpayers toward or at the end of the meeting by motion passed by a majority of Council members present and voting. Any discretionary public comment at the end of the meeting shall be limited to three (3) minutes per individual on any relevant Borough of Hatboro topic.
4. All such public comment shall be limited to matters of public concern, official action or deliberations that are, or may come, before Borough Council. If a group of residents or taxpayers of the Borough wish to comment on an issue and/or topic, they are asked to select one individual to speak for the group.
5. The purpose of the Public Comment Period is to receive comments, not to engage in public debate or argument with either members of Borough Council, Borough Staff or other members of the public attending the meeting.
6. Comments that make personal attacks on anyone shall not be allowed.
7. The presiding officer of the meeting shall have full charge and control of the Public Comment Period and enforcement of the provisions of this Policy.