**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**ON AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT INCREASING THE WATER RATES IN THE CITY OF HARRISONBURG**

The Harrisonburg City Council will hold a public hearing on June 13, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon as the agenda permits, in the City Council Chambers located at 409 South Main Street, Harrisonburg, Virginia, to solicit public comments concerning the following:

Amending and re-enacting the Harrisonburg City Code Section 7-4-1(1)(a) and 7-4-1(1)(b) to **increase** city water rates charged by the city as follows:

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| Gallons used | 7-4-1(1)(a)  City water per 1000 gallons | 7-4-1(1)(b)  Rural Water per 1000 gallons |
| 0-2500 | $0.37 | $0.40 |
| 2500-25,000 | No change | $0.35 |
| 25,000-250,000 | $0.29 | $0.35 |
| 250,000 plus | $0.35 | $0.15 |

Amending and re-enacting the Harrisonburg City Code Section 7-4-1(1)(d) to increase the minimum water charges by meter as follows:

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| Meter Size (inches) | City Minimum  (per month) | Rural Minimum  (per month) |
| 5/8” / 3/4” | $0.92 | $1.17 |
| 1 | $0.92 | $1.87 |
| 1½ | $0.92 | $3.62 |

Amending and re-enacting the Harrisonburg City Code Section 7-4-1(2)(a) to increase city sewer rate charges by $.05 per one thousand (1000) gallons; Section 7-4-1(2)(b) rural sewer authority rates will increase by $.05 per one thousand (1000) gallons;

Amending and re-enacting the Harrisonburg City Code Section 7-4-1(2)(c) to increase the minimum sewer charges by meter as follows:

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| Meter Size (inches) | City Minimum  (per month) | Rural Minimum  (per month) |
| 5/8” / 3/4” | $0.15 | $0.15 |
| 1 | $0.25 | $0.25 |
| 1½ | $0.50 | $0.50 |
| 2 | $0.80 | $0.80 |
| 3 | $1.50 | $1.50 |
| 4 | $2.50 | $2.50 |
| 6 | $5.00 | $5.00 |
| 8 | $8.00 | $8.00 |
| 10 | $11.25 | $11.25 |

Amending and re-enacting the Harrisonburg City Code Section 7-4-1(3) increase the percentage of utility tax by ten percent (10%) on total water bills of city and rural users, with an increase in the maximum by $1.00 residential and $5.00 commercial.

Copies of the proposed ordinance amendment are available on the city’s website and are available in the City Manager’s Office, 409 South Main Street, Harrisonburg, Virginia, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p. m.

All persons interested will have an opportunity to express their views at this public hearing.

Legal authority for the enactment of the above described rate increases is found in Section 15.2-2119 of the Code of Virginia.

Legal authority for the enactment of the above described utility tax increase is found in Section 58.1-3814 of the Code of Virignia.

Any person requiring auxiliary aids, including signers, in connection with this public hearing shall notify the City Manager at least five (5) days prior to the time of the hearing.

CITY OF HARRISONBURG

Kurt D. Hodgen,

City Manager

To be advertised one (2) times:

Monday, June 5, 2017

Monday, June 12, 2017