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Tax Bills to be Distributed

Harrisonburg, Va. – The city of Harrisonburg will soon be distributing real estate and personal property bills in the coming weeks.

Real Estate Taxes

The tax rate for the current fiscal year is \$.78 per hundred of assessed value. This rate is set by Harrisonburg City Council and decided upon each year when the budget for the next fiscal year is approved. Real estate taxes are calculated on a fiscal year basis and are billed twice a year. More information on real estate taxes can be found at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/real-estate-tax.

Billing Dates	Date Bill is Due
July 1 – December 31	December 5
January 1 – June 30	June 5

Personal Property Taxes

The personal property tax in the city is levied annually on vehicles that are owned in Harrisonburg on January 1 of each year. This tax is billed once per year and is due on December 5. Additional information on calculating the tax rate is available at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/personal-property-tax.

Stormwater Utility Fee

The stormwater utility fee provides funding toward the operation, maintenance, and regulation of the city’s extensive stormwater management system. The utility fee has been designed for owners of developed property to assist in the costs associated with the stormwater management program. This fee is based on the amount of impervious area on developed property.

Properties with higher amounts of impervious area contribute greater amounts of stormwater runoff and pollutants to the stormwater management system.

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Harrisonburg City Council voted in August 2016 to lower the stormwater utility billing rate to \$6.00 per 500 square feet. This fee is included with the real estate and personal property tax bills, which will be distributed in the coming weeks.

In addition to the billing rate change, impervious areas will now be measured using aerial imagery and LiDAR data from the Virginia Geographic Information Network. These changes will increase the accuracy of property assessments.

The city developed a way for property owners to reduce their fee by residents participating in the stormwater utility fee credit program. By installing and maintaining best practices for stormwater management on their property, property owners can reduce stormwater runoff volume and pollutant levels, which in turn will reduce their fee by up to 50%.

To learn about the credit program and the stormwater utility fee, visit www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/stormwater-utility. Questions about this program can be directed to the Public Works Department at 540-434-5928 or stormwater@harrisonburgva.gov.

Payments for taxes can be made online by visiting www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/pay-bills; by mailing a check to the Harrisonburg Treasurer's Office at P.O. Box 1007 Harrisonburg, VA 22803; or in person at the Treasurer's Office, which is located in City Hall, 409 S. Main St.

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