

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Harrisonburg City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 24, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon as the agenda permits, in City Council Chambers, 409 Main Street, Harrisonburg, Virginia, to consider the following:

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING SECTION 5, CHAPTER 5 “STORMWATER UTILITY” AND AMENDING SECTION 16 CHAPTER 5 “WEEDS, ETC., ON LOTS” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA

The city is authorized by Virginia Code §15.2-2114 to establish a stormwater utility to enact a system of service charges to support a local stormwater management program consistent with Article 2.3 (§62.1-44.15:24 et seq.) of Chapter 3.1 of Title 62.1 or any other state or federal regulation governing stormwater management.

The Ordinance establishes a stormwater utility fee that is imposed on every parcel of real property in the city based on the amount of impervious area within the property, establishes a billing unit of five hundred (500) square feet of impervious area, and establishes a billing rate per billing unit of \$10.50 per year. All stormwater utility fees and other income from the fees shall be deposited into the stormwater fund, to be used exclusively to provide services and facilities related to the stormwater management program.

Additionally, the “Weeds, Etc. on Lots” ordinance amendment seeks to allow areas in the city with qualified best management practices for stormwater regulatory compliance and/or stormwater utility fee credit purposes to be exempt from tall grass and weeds regulations.

A copy of the above proposed ordinance, ordinance amendment, and associated documents are on file and may be viewed in the City Manager’s Office 345 South Main Street, Room 201, Harrisonburg, Virginia and may be viewed electronically at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/stormwater-utility.

All persons interested will have an opportunity to express their views at these public hearings. Any individual requiring auxiliary aids, including signers, in connection with the public hearing shall notify the City Manager at least five (5) days prior to the date of the meeting.

CITY OF HARRISONBURG

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