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TO: Ande Banks, City Manager
FROM: Karen Rose, Commissioner of the Revenue
DATE: June 3, 2023
RE: Personal Property Tax Exemption for Blue Ridge Free Clinic, Inc

Summary: In January 2023, an application was received from Blue Ridge Free Clinic, Inc for personal property tax exemption at 831 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way.

Background: The Constitution of Virginia allows for specific local tax exemption. Prior to January 1, 2003, the General Assembly passed bills exempting a 501(c)(3) organization from local taxation and as of January 1, 2003, local elected officials were given the authority to make the determination. Harrisonburg City Code §4-2-17 addresses local real and personal property exemption. The above stated entity is requesting exemption under this code.

Key Issues:

1. Since 2021, Blue Ridge Free Clinic has been offering healthcare, medication assistance, urgent dental care and needs-based navigation services to our neighbors in need. These services are being provided by volunteers and donors. The clinic's primary goal is provide long term, sustainable and affordable healthcare for all! Blue Ridge Free Clinic, Inc has paid \$, \$568.16 in personal property taxes for FY23. The 2023 assessment for personal property is \$41,636 and at the current tax rate of \$2.12 per \$100 would generate \$ 882.68 of personal property revenue in FY24.

Environmental Impact: None

Fiscal Impact: If the exemption is granted the reduction in personal property tax revenue would be \$ 882.68 at the current personal property tax rate.

Prior Actions: None

Alternatives: (a) Approve for exemption
(b); or
(c) Do not approve for exemption

Community Engagement: None



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Recommendation: The Committee members Jeff Shafer, Treasurer; Larry Propst, Director of Finance; and Karen Rose, Commissioner of the Revenue have reviewed the application packet and recommend that City Council approve the requests for exemption for Blue Ridge Free Clinic, Inc.

Attachments: Committee Approval Letter, Public Hearing Advertisement, Applications

Review:

The initiating Department Director will place in Legistar, in sequence of transmittal, the names of each department that must initial their review in order for this item to be placed on the City Council agenda. The completion of review only addresses the readiness of the issue for Council consideration. This does not address the recommendation for approval or denial of the issue.

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