NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ON ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS INCREASING THE WATER RATES AND THE UTILITY TAX FOR ELECTRICITY AND GAS IN THE CITY OF HARRISONBURG

The Harrisonburg City Council will hold public hearings on April 25, 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:

- 1. Amending and re-enacting the Harrisonburg City Code Section 4-2-62 to increase the utility taxes as follows: (1) on electricity, to a base rate of \$1 per month, plus \$0.0024 per kilowatt hour delivered to residential users and \$0.0166 per kilowatt hour delivered to commercial and industrial users, with a maximum tax of \$2 for residential users and \$20 for commercial and industrial users; and (2) on gas, to a flat rate of \$2 for residential users, and to a base rate of \$4.65 for commercial and industrial users, plus \$0.155 per one hundred cubic feet of gas at standard pressure and temperature delivered to commercial and industrial users, with a maximum tax of \$20 for commercial and industrial users.
- 2. Amending and re-enacting the Harrisonburg City Code Section 7-4-1 to increase the utility tax on water bills to 20 percent, with a maximum tax of \$2 per month for residential users and \$20 per month for commercial and industrial users.

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 these public hearings.

Legal authority for the enactment of the above described increases in utility taxes on electricity, gas, and water is found in Section 58.1-3814 of the Code of Virginia.

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 two (2) times:

Saturday, April 15, 2017 Saturday, April 22, 2017