

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Harrisonburg City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 26, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon as the agenda permits, in the City Council Chamber, 409 South Main Street, Harrisonburg, Virginia, to receive public input on the following:

Consideration by the Harrisonburg City Council of amending and re-enacting Section 15-2-1 of the Harrisonburg City Code concerning the conditions of premises where animals are kept and the tethering of dogs. The proposed ordinance amendments include definitions for “adequate space” for dogs, when tethered and when not tethered, and restrictions on the length and weight of the tether. The proposed amendments prohibit the tethering of an unattended dog for more than one hour continuously or more than four hours within a 24 hour period. The proposed amendments provide that a violation of the ordinance shall be punishable as follows: The first violation shall constitute a Class 3 misdemeanor, punishable by fine of up to \$500. A second violation (whether or not involving the same dog) within one year of first violation constitutes a Class 2 misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 and penalty of up to six months in jail. All subsequent violations within one year of first violation constitute a Class 1 misdemeanor, punishable by fine of up to \$2,500 and penalty of up to one year in jail.

Copies of the proposed ordinances 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.

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
Kurt D. Hodgen
City Manager

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