

City of Harrisonburg, Virginia

Office of the City Manager

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TO: Eric Campbell, City Manager

FROM: Karen I. Rose DATE: June 4, 2019

RE: Refund of Real Estate Taxes

Summary: Approval of refund of real estate taxes

Background: § 58.1-3981 of the Code of Virginia requires City Council approval of any refunds in excess of \$2,500. To provide Council with adequate information to determine approval while also maintaining confidentiality pursuant to Code of Virginia §58.1-3, the taxpayer name has been redacted on the Certificate of the Commissioner of the Revenue. The original version of the Commissioner's certification is on file in the Commissioner's office, protected by attorney-client privilege, and will be signed by the City Attorney and provided to the Treasurer following Council approval.

Key Issues:

TAXPAYER A paid real estate taxes in the City in 2015 through 2018. TAXPAYER A is entitled to a refund of those taxes paid after producing paperwork showing the 100% Permanent and Total Disability rating by the Department of Veteran Affairs. Amount of refund: \$6,222.36. No interest is required to be paid.

Environmental Impact: NONE

Fiscal Impact: The city will refund the real estate taxes in the amount of \$6,222.36.

Prior Actions: None

<u>Alternatives:</u> (a) approve and direct real estate taxes refund

(b); or

Community Engagement: None



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<u>Recommendation:</u> Staff recommends approval of the application for refund of real estate taxes.

<u>Attachments:</u> Certification Letter from Commissioner of the Revenue

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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