



# CITY OF HARRISONBURG CITY MANAGER

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TO: Ande Banks, City Manager  
FROM: Wesley Russ, Assistant City Attorney  
DATE: January 10, 2023  
RE: Proposed Amendments to Sec. 4-2-14, General retail sales tax

**Summary:** A proposal to amend Section 4-2-14, General retail sales tax, of the City Code.

**Background:** The City currently exempts the sale or use of artificial or propane gas, firewood, coal or home heating oil used for domestic consumption from the City's 1% general retail sales tax. The proposed amendments would incorporate that exemption into the City Code. Additionally, the amendments update citations to the Code of Virginia.

**Key Issues:** On September 25, 2001, City Council voted to exempt the sale or use of artificial or propane gas, firewood, coal or home heating oil used for domestic consumption from the City's general retail sales tax. According to the minutes, these sales generated an estimated \$67,150 of revenue in 2000; however, the exemption was not properly incorporated into the City Code.

Staff recommend the adoption of the proposed amendments to the City Code to accurately reflect the exemption.

**Environmental Impact:** N/A

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Prior Actions:** Resolution by City Council on September 25, 2001

**Alternatives:**

- (a) Adopt Section 4-2-14 of the City Code as proposed
- (b) Decline to take action

**Community Engagement:**

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends alternative (a).

**Attachments:**



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**Review:**

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