NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT INCREASING THE WATER AND SEWER RATES IN THE CITY OF HARRISONBURG

The Harrisonburg City Council will hold a public hearing on November 22, 2022, 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:

Amending and re-enacting the Harrisonburg City Code Section 7-4-1(a3) to <u>increase</u> city and rural water seasonal rates by \$.01 per one thousand (1000) gallons to all water bills generated in the months of July, August, September, October, and November as follows:

Gallons used	7-4-1(a)(3) City water per 1000 gallons	7-4-1(a)(3) Rural Water per 1000 gallons
>0	\$0.25	\$0.25

Amending and re-enacting the Harrisonburg City Code Section 7-4-1(e) (f3) (f5) (f6) to increase other water related charges as follows:

	Current	Proposed
Administrative / Field call - next business day	\$15.00	\$25.00
Administrative / Field call - same day service before cutoff time	\$15.00	\$75.00
Administrative / Field call - after business hours	\$100.00 + cost if applicable	\$175.00
Re-connection - next business day	\$25.00	\$35.00
Re-connection - same day service before cutoff time	\$25.00	\$75.00
Re-connection - after business hours	\$100.00 + cost if applicable	\$175.00
Tapping order per meter ≥ 72 hours' notice	\$25.00 per meter	\$25.00
Tapping order per meter < 72 hours' notice	\$50.00 per meter	\$75.00
Tapping order per meter - after business hours	\$50.00 per meter + cost if applicable	\$175.00
Meter test < 2" in size	\$150.00	
Meter test ≥ 2 " in size	\$350.00	
Site visit fee	\$15.00	\$25.00

- (3) Cost shall be as defined in section 7-4-23 of this Code; Business hours and cutoff time shall be established by the Director.
- (5) When a date and time to establish a connection has been agreed to between the customer and the city public utilities department and the customer fails to be present at such date and time then the customer shall be charged a site visit fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).
- (6) Installation of meters will be assessed a twenty-five-dollar (\$25.00) fee per meter when scheduled seventy-two (72) hours or greater in advance; if less than seventy-two (72) hours a seventy-five dollar (\$75.00) fee will be assessed per meter. If after business hours, a one hundred seventy-five dollar (\$175.00) fee will be assessed per meter. There will be no additional administrative / field call fee subject to section 7-4-1.

Amending and re-enacting the Harrisonburg City Code Section 7-1-9 to increase the defined delinquency dollar threshold and days to reimburse the city as follows:

Delinquency shall mean an amount due, equal to or greater than fifteen dollars and one cent (\$15.01), being sixty (60) days or more in arrears.

Delinquent amount defined	> \$10.00	≥ \$15.01

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 this public hearing.

Legal authority for the enactment of the above described increases is found in Section 15.2-2119 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 Ande Banks, City Manager

To be advertised two (2) times:

Monday, October 31, 2022 Monday, November 7, 2022