

AGENDA



CITY OF HOPEWELL

Hopewell, Virginia 23860

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CITY COUNCIL

John B. Partin, Jr., Mayor, Ward #3
Jasmine E. Gore, Vice Mayor, Ward #4
Rita Joyner, Councilor, Ward #1
Michael B. Harris, Councilor, Ward #2
Janice B. Denton, Councilor, Ward #5
Brenda S. Pelham, Councilor, Ward #6
Dominic R. Holloway, Sr., Councilor, Ward #7

Dr. Concetta Manker, Interim City Manager
Danielle Smith, City Attorney
Alisa Parham, Acting City Clerk

April 18, 2023

SPECIAL MEETING

Special Meeting: 6:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

6:30 PM Call to order, roll call, and welcome to visitors

Roll Call

PUBLIC HEARING

CITY CLERK: *All persons addressing Council shall approach the microphone, give name and, if they reside in Hopewell, their ward number, and limit comments to five minutes. No person shall be permitted to address Council a second time until all others have been heard and no one may speak more than twice on any subject in any one meeting. All remarks shall be addressed to Council as a body, any questions must be asked through the mayor only, and there shall be no discussion without permission of the mayor. Any person who makes personal, impertinent, abusive, or slanderous statements, or incites disorderly conduct in Council Chambers may be barred by the mayor from further audience before Council, and removed, subject to appeal to a majority of Council. (See Rules 405 and 406)*

PH-1 2023 Real Property Tax Rate - Dr. Concetta Manker, Interim City Manager

ADJOURNMENT

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CITY OF HOPEWELL CITY COUNCIL ACTION FORM

Strategic Operating Plan Vision Theme:

- Civic Engagement
- Culture & Recreation
- Economic Development
- Education
- Housing
- Safe & Healthy Environment
- None (Does not apply)

Order of Business:

- Consent Agenda
- Public Hearing
- Presentation-Boards/Commissions
- Unfinished Business
- Citizen/Councilor Request
- Regular Business
- Reports of Council Committees

Action:

- Approve and File
- Take Appropriate Action
- Receive & File (no motion required)
- Approve Ordinance 1st Reading
- Approve Ordinance 2nd Reading
- Set a Public Hearing
- Approve on Emergency Measure

COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Proposed Real Property Tax Rate for Tax Year 2023

ISSUE: City Council to set the Real Property Tax Rate for Tax Year 2023 beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the recommended Real Property Tax Ordinance.

TIMING: Staff recommends action at the April 18, 2023 City Council to provide ample time for the production and mailing of the tax bills

BACKGROUND: The City’s real estate property assessment value has increased from the prior year. The Interim City Manager’s proposed FY 2024 Budget to hold the real property tax rate constant with the FY 2023 Budget. It is proposed to adopt a real estate tax rate of \$1.13 per \$100 of assessed value. The proposed FY 2024 budget does not increase the Personal Property, Business Personal Property or the Machinery and Tools tax rates for the Tax Year 2023.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

- Tax Year 2023 Real Property Tax Rate Ordinance
- Tax Year 2023 Real Property Tax Rate Resolution

STAFF: Dr. Concetta Manker, Interim City Manager

FOR IN MEETING USE ONLY

MOTION: _____

Roll Call**SUMMARY:**

| Y | N | | Y | N | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Councilor Rita Joyner, Ward #1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Councilor Janice Denton, Ward #5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Councilor Michael Harris, Ward #2 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Councilor Brenda Pelham, Ward #6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Mayor John B. Partin, Ward #3 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Councilor Dominic Holloway, Sr., Ward #7 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Vice Mayor Jasmine Gore, Ward #4 | | | |

ORDINANCE NO. 23-418

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TAX CLASSIFICATIONS AND TAX RATES
Tax Year beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOPEWELL this 18th day of May, 2023 that the following tax classifications and tax rates are approved and adopted for tax year beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023. All levies are per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation at fair market value as of January 1, 2023. Real and personal property owned by a Public Service Corporation shall be taxed in accordance with Va. Code 58.1-2600, *et seq.*

REAL ESTATE AND VEHICLES (WITHOUT MOTOR POWER) USED OR DESIGNATED TO BE USED AS HOMES OR OFFICES

| | |
|-----------|--------|
| 2022 Levy | \$1.13 |
| 2023 Levy | \$1.13 |

Witness this signature and seal

Mayor John B. Partin, Jr., Ward 7

VOTING AYE:

VOTING NAY:

ABSTAINING:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Alisa Parham, Acting City Clerk

2023 TAX RATE RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOPEWELL, that, after a public hearing in accordance with Virginia Code § 58.1-3007 (*Notice prior to increase of local tax levy; hearing*), and pursuant to § 15.2-2503 (*Time for preparation and approval of budget; contents*), there is hereby levied for the tax year beginning January 1, 2023, a tax at the rate of \$1.13 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation on real estate, and vehicles without motor power used, or designated to be used, as mobile homes or offices within the City of Hopewell as it now exists; real and tangible personal property of public service corporations shall be taxed in accordance with Chapter 26 (Taxation of Public Service Corporations) of Title 58.1 (Taxation) of the Virginia Code.

Given under my hand and the corporate seal of the City of Hopewell, Virginia this 18th day of April 2023.

Alisa Parham
Acting City Clerk

NOTICE OF PROPOSED REAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The City of Hopewell proposes to increase property tax levies.

1. **Assessment Increase:** Total assessed value of real property, excluding additional assessments due to new construction or improvements to property, exceeds last year's total assessed value of real property by 31 percent.
2. **Lowered Rate Necessary to Offset Increased Assessment:** The tax rate which would levy the same amount of real estate tax as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of real estate with the exclusions mentioned above, would be \$0.86 per \$100 of assessed value. This rate will be known as the "lowered tax rate."
3. **Effective Rate Increase:** The City of Hopewell proposes to adopt a tax rate of \$1.13 per \$100 of assessed value. The difference between the lowered tax rate and the proposed rate would be \$0.27 per \$100, or 24 percent. This difference will be known as the "effective tax rate increase."

Individual property taxes may, however, increase at a percentage greater than or less than the above percentage.

4. **Proposed Total Budget Increase:** Based on the proposed real property tax rate and changes in other revenues, the total budget of the City of Hopewell will exceed last year's by 6 percent.

A public hearing on the increase will be held on April 18, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located in the Municipal Building at 300 N. Main Street, Hopewell, VA.

REAL ESTATE RATES

| <u>YEAR</u> | <u>TAX RATES</u> |
|-------------|------------------|
| 2022 | \$1.13 |
| 2021 | \$1.13 |
| 2020 | \$1.13 |
| 2019 | \$1.13 |
| 2018 | \$1.13 |
| 2017 | \$1.13 |
| 2016 | \$1.13 |
| 2015 | \$1.13 |
| 2014 | \$1.11 |
| 2013 | \$1.08 |
| 2012 | \$1.02 |
| 2011 | \$.99 |
| 2010 | \$.99 |
| 2009 | \$.96 |
| 2008 | \$1.09 |
| 2007 | \$1.09 |
| 2006 | \$1.20 |

ADJOURNMENT