

**PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF CULPEPER, VIRGINIA**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PROPOSED LODGING TAX INCREASE AND PROPOSED
FY2017 BUDGET**

Public hearings on the Town's proposed Lodging Tax increase and proposed FY2017 Budget will be held by the Culpeper Town Council on Tuesday, June 7, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Third Floor Council/Committee Meeting Room, at the Municipal Building, 400 S. Main St., Culpeper, Virginia. Every citizen shall have the right to attend and state their views thereon.

PROPOSED LODGING TAX INCREASE: In accordance with §58.1-3819 of the Code of Virginia, 1950 as amended, and Town Code 23-107, the Town will hold a public hearing on the proposed increase in the rate on Lodging Tax from the current rate of 5% (five percent) to 6% (six percent) effective July 1, 2016.

PROPOSED FY2017 BUDGET: In accordance with §15.2-2506 of the Code of Virginia, 1950 as amended, the Town will hold a public hearing on the proposed FY2017 budget. A brief synopsis is as follows:

| | Operating | Capital | Total |
|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| General Fund | \$ 16,849,253 | \$1,409,220 | \$ 18,258,473 |
| Water | \$4,113,147 | \$ 16,391,250 | \$ 20,504,397 |
| Wastewater | \$ 5,448,502 | \$1,545,000 | \$ 6,993,502 |
| Light & Power | \$ 12,156,679 | \$ 510,000 | \$ 12,666,679 |
| Cemetery | \$ 819,100 | N/A | \$ 819,100 |
| Parking Authority | \$ 94,775 | N/A | \$ 94,775 |
| Total | \$39,481,456 | \$ 19,855,470 | \$ 59,336,926 |

The proposed budget is based on existing rates, fees and charges, except for the following changes, effective July 1, 2016 (or otherwise as noted):

- Lodging Tax rate is proposed to increase from 5% (five percent) to 6% (six percent).
- Light & Power rates are proposed to increase by 2% (two percent) to all non-fuel electric rates with the exception of the Basic Customer Charge and the RKVA which will not increase.
- Water rates are proposed to increase by 2% (two percent).
- Sewer rates are proposed to increase by 2% (two percent).

A complete copy of the FY2017 Budget is available at the Municipal Building, in the Town Clerk's Office, located at 400 S. Main St., Suite 105, Culpeper, Virginia, Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or online at the Town of Culpeper website: www.culpeperva.gov.

The Public Hearings are being held at a facility believed to be accessible to persons with disabilities. Any person with questions on the accessibility should contact the Town Clerk at 400 S. Main St., Suite 105, Culpeper, Virginia. Phone: (540) 829-8240 / fax: (540) 829-8249.

Run legal ad on these dates: May 20, 2016 and May 27, 2016