



CITY OF POQUOSON

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To: City Council
From: City Manager
Subject: Proposed Real Property Tax Increase

Section 58.1-3321 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended requires that a separate public hearing be held to allow citizens the opportunity to comment on the increase in assessed real estate values in the City. The 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 2.63%.

The ad as it appeared in the *Daily Press* on March 22, 2019 is attached. No action, other than conducting the public hearing, is required by City Council.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF POQUOSON PROPOSED TAX LEVIES AND FEES

Pursuant to Section 58.1-3007, 58.1-3321 and 15.2-1427, Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, the City Council of Poquoson, Virginia will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 22, 2019, beginning at 7:00 P.M., in the Council Chambers, 500 City Hall Avenue, Poquoson, Virginia for the purpose of considering the following proposed tax levies and fees to support the proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Budget of the City of Poquoson. Oral comments will be heard, within reasonable time limits, as shall be determined by the governing body, at the public hearing. Written comments will be received in the City Clerk's office until 4:30 p.m. on April 22, 2019. The meeting will be televised live on Cox Cable Channel 46 and on Verizon Fios Channel 25.

Total assessed value of real property, excluding additional assessment due to new construction or improvements to property, exceeds last year's total assessed value of real property by 2.63%.

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 \$1.11 per \$100 of assessed value. This rate will be known as the "lowered tax rate."

The City of Poquoson proposes to adopt a tax rate between \$1.14 and \$1.16 per \$100 of assessed value. The difference between the lowered tax rate and the minimum proposed rate would be 3¢ per \$100 and between the maximum proposed tax rate would be 5¢ per \$100. 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.

Based on the proposed real property tax rate and changes in other revenues, the total budget of the City of Poquoson will exceed last year's by .3%.

The following maximum levies and increases are proposed for consideration:

Proposed Tax Rates and Fees

<u>General Fund</u>	Adopted FY 2019	FY 2020 Department Request	FY 2020 City Manager Proposed
Real Estate per \$100 of Assessed Value	\$1.14	\$1.16	\$1.14
Mobile Homes	\$1.14	\$1.16	\$1.14
Personal Property	\$4.15	\$4.15	\$4.15
Machinery and Tools	\$4.15	\$4.15	\$4.15
Boats	\$0.0001	\$0.0001	\$0.0001
Recreational Vehicles	\$1.50	\$1.50	\$1.50
Cigarette Tax	\$.20	\$.20	\$.20
Meals Tax	6%	6%	6%
Local Sales Tax	6%	6%	6%
Recovery (EMS) Fees:			
BLS	\$450	\$450	\$450
ALS	\$550	\$550	\$550
ALS-2	\$775	\$775	\$775
Transport Declined	\$375	\$375	\$375
Oxygen Usage	\$50	\$50	\$50
Mileage	\$12	\$12	\$12
<u>Utilities Fund</u>			
Residential Unit	\$62 bi-monthly	\$62 bi-monthly	\$58 bi-monthly
Commercial Unit	\$62 bi-monthly plus \$1.75 per 100 cu ft of water consumption	\$62 bi-monthly plus \$1.75 per 100 cu ft of water consumption	\$58 bi-monthly plus \$1.75 per 100 cu ft of water consumption
Sewer Availability Fees	\$6,000 per lot	\$6,000 per lot	\$6,000 per lot
<u>Solid Waste Fund</u>			
Trash Container/Cart Bi-monthly fee (fee based on size/plan chosen)	\$8.25-75.00	\$8.25 - \$75.00	\$18.00-\$85.00
City of Poquoson green bag	\$1.75	\$1.75	\$1.75
Landscaping Debris residential pickup	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
Bulky Item pickup	\$63.00	\$63.00	\$63.00