

**TOWN OF LEESBURG
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

REORDAINING LEESBURG TOWN CODE, CHAPTER 20 (LICENSES, TAXATION AND MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS), ARTICLE II (TAXATION GENERALLY), SECTION 20-22 (ANNUAL LEVY AND RATE OF TAXES), AND APPENDIX B (FEE SCHEDULE) SETTING TAX RATES ON REAL ESTATE FOR TAX YEAR 2016 AND SETTING UTILITY WATER AND SEWER RATES

In accordance with the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended §§15.2-107, 15.2-1427, 15.2-2119, 15.2-2122 , 58.1-3000, 58.1-3007, 58.1-3515, and 58.1-3506, the Leesburg Town Council will hold a public hearing on:

Monday, April 13, 2015, at 7:30 P.M.
in the Council Chambers of Town Hall,
25 West Market Street, Leesburg, VA.

At which time the public shall have the right to present oral and written testimony on a proposed ordinance re-ordaining the tax rates and fees for tax year 2016 for:

- Real estate and vehicles used as mobile homes (\$0.183 per \$100 of assessed value);
- Public service corporations (real estate \$0.183 per \$100 of assessed value, tangible personal property \$1.00 per \$100 of assessed value); and
- Tangible personal property for qualified vehicles, non-commercial (up to the first \$20,000, \$.48, over the first \$20,000, \$1.00 per \$100 of assessed value);
- Appendix B, Fee Schedule
- Sec. 34-60. Increased Water use rates:

Class Residential Individually Metered (Single Family)	Current	Effective 07-01-2015
Inside Town – Consumption Charge per 1,000 gallons		
Tier 1: 0 - 6,000 Gallons	\$3.86	\$4.14
Tier 2: 6,001 - 15,000 Gallons	\$4.82	\$5.17
Tier 3: 15,001 - 30,000 Gallons	\$5.78	\$6.20
Tier 4: > 30,001 Gallons	\$7.92	\$8.34
Outside Town – Consumption Charge per 1,000 gallons		
Tier 1: 0 - 6,000 Gallons	\$5.44	\$5.83
Tier 2: 6,001- 15,000	\$6.80	\$7.29

Gallons		
Tier 3: 15,001 - 30,000 Gallons	\$8.16	\$8.75
Tier 4: > 30,001 Gallons	\$11.17	\$11.76
Class Residential Master Metered (Apartments) & Nonresidential	Current	Effective 07-01-2015
Inside Town – Consumption Charge per 1,000 gallons		
Tier 1: All Use	\$5.21	\$5.58
Outside Town – Consumption Charge per 1,000 gallons		
Tier 1: All Use	\$7.36	\$7.87
Class Irrigation and Cooling Tower Customers	Current	Effective 07-01-2015
Inside Town – Consumption Charge per 1,000 gallons		
Tier 1: 0 - 240,000 Gallons	\$5.78	\$6.20
Tier 2:>240,001 Gallons	\$7.92	\$8.34
Outside Town – Consumption Charge per 1,000 gallons		
Tier 1: 0 - 240,000 Gallons	\$8.16	\$8.75
Tier 2: > 240,001 Gallons	\$11.17	\$11.76

- Sec. 34-61 Increased Fixed water and account_charge per quarter:

Class Residential Individually Metered (Single Family)	Current	Effective 07-01-2015
Account Charge (Per Bill)	\$5.41	\$6.92
Water Meter Size (Per Meter)		
5/8" to 3/4"	\$7.28	\$9.99
Full 3/4"	\$7.41	\$10.12
1"	\$9.47	\$12.17
1½"	\$21.34	\$23.98
2"	\$22.90	\$25.53

Class Residential Master Metered (Apartments) & Nonresidential	Current	Effective 07-01-2015
Account Charge (Per Bill)	\$5.41	\$6.92
Water Meter Size (Per Meter)		
5/8" to 3/4"	\$7.28	\$9.99
Full 3/4"	\$9.15	\$13.23
1"	\$14.69	\$21.49
1½"	\$35.26	\$48.82
2"	\$47.26	\$69.00
3"	\$76.85	\$120.42
4"	\$110.98	\$179.11
6"	\$200.05	\$336.42
8"	\$340.08	\$558.17
Class Irrigation and Cooling Tower	Current	Effective 07-01-2015
Account Charge (Per Bill)	\$5.41	\$6.92
Water Meter Size (Per Meter)		
5/8" to 3/4"	\$7.28	\$9.99
Full 3/4"	\$9.15	\$13.23
1"	\$14.69	\$21.49
1½"	\$35.26	\$48.82
2"	\$47.26	\$69.00
3"	\$76.85	\$120.42
4"	\$110.98	\$179.11
6"	\$200.05	\$336.42
8"	\$340.08	\$558.17

- Sec. 34-155 Increased Sewer use charge where connection made to both water and sewer system:

Class Residential Individually Metered (Single Family)	Current	Effective 07-01-2015
Inside Town – Consumption Charge per 1,000 gallons		
0 - 36,000 Gallons	\$5.78	\$5.82
> 36,001 Gallons	\$0.00	\$0.00
Outside Town – Consumption Charge per 1,000 gallons		

0 - 36,000 Gallons	\$8.78	\$8.84
> 36,001 Gallons	<u>\$0.00</u>	\$0.00
Class Residential Master Metered (Apartments) & Nonresidential	Current	Effective 07-01-2015
Inside Town – Consumption Charge per 1,000 gallons		
Inside Town	\$5.78	\$5.82
Outside Town – Consumption Charge per 1,000 gallons		
Outside Town	\$8.78	\$8.84

- Sec. 34-156. Increased Fixed sewer charge per quarter where connection made to both water and sewer system:

Class Residential Individually Metered (Single Family) Water Meter Size (Per Meter)	Current	Effective 07-01-2015
5/8" to 3/4"	\$5.50	\$10.23
Full 3/4"	\$5.50	\$10.23
1"	\$5.50	\$10.23
1½"	\$5.50	\$10.23
2"	\$5.50	\$10.23
Class Residential Master Metered (Apartments), Nonresidential and Cooling Tower Water Meter Size (Per Meter)	Current	Effective 07-01-2015
5/8" to 3/4"	\$5.50	\$10.23
Full 3/4"	\$8.25	\$15.35
1"	\$13.75	\$25.58
1½"	\$27.50	\$51.15
2"	\$44.00	\$81.84
3"	\$88.00	\$163.68
4"	\$137.50	\$255.75
6"	\$275.00	\$511.50
8"	\$440.00	\$818.40

- Increased Flat sewer charge, account charge and fixed sewer charge per quarter where connection made to sewer system only:

	Current	Effective 07-01-2015
Inside Town - Sewer Only Flat Charge per quarter	\$86.70	\$87.30
Inside Town – Sewer Only Fixed Charge and Account Charge per quarter	\$10.91	\$17.15
Outside Town - Sewer Only Flat Charge per quarter	\$131.70	\$132.60
Outside Town – Sewer Only Fixed Charge and Account Charge per quarter	\$10.91	\$17.15

Copies of the proposed ordinance are available for public examination prior to the public hearing in the office of the Town Clerk at Town Hall, 25 West Market Street, Leesburg, VA, during normal business hours. For more information about the ordinance, please contact Clark G. Case, Director of Finance and Administrative Services at 703-771-2720.

Persons requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Lee Ann Green, Clerk of the Council at 703-771-2733, three days in advance of the public hearing. For TTY/TTD services, use the Virginia Relay Center by dialing 711.

3/25/15, 4/1/15

Tax Rate Public Hearing Fiscal Year 2016

April 13, 2015



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Tax Rate

- Proposed Fiscal Year 2016 budget maintains the current real property tax rate of 18.3¢ per \$100 of assessed value
- At 18.3¢, the average single family homeowner's tax bill will increase less than \$22 (average home value = \$465,139)
- The residential equalized rate is 18.0¢

2015 v 2016 Projected Real Property Tax Bill Comparisons

	2015	2016	Variance (\$)
Single Family Detached	\$830.02	\$851.20	\$21.18
Single Family Attached (Townhome)	\$539.52	\$559.04	\$19.52
Condo	\$282.20	\$301.05	\$18.85



Tax Rate Comparisons

	FY 2016 Proposed Town Tax Rates	Combined County/Town Tax Rate
Leesburg	\$0.183	\$1.313
Purcellville	\$0.210	\$1.34
Vienna	\$0.2288	\$1.3188
Herndon	\$0.265*	\$1.355

** FY 2015 Rate. Town of Herndon is to present Proposed Budget on April 1st*

FY 2016 Adopted Rate for Loudoun County is \$1.13 (Adopted April 1st)

FY 2016 Proposed Rate for Fairfax County is \$1.09 (same as FY 2015)



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Areas of Focus for Ratings Agencies For AAA

- Adherence to Long-Term Sustainability Plan
- 20% Undesignated Fund Balance Policy
- Maintenance of a stable 18.3 cent tax rate that avoids a .5 cent increase in FY 2017
- Conservative budgeting and fiscal management practices

Summary

- The Town is financially sound
- We are a Triple AAA-rated community
- Proposed budget keeps the tax rate stable

Public Hearing

Q & A

PRESENTED: April 13, 2015

ORDINANCE NO. _____

ADOPTED: _____

AN ORDINANCE: ORDAINING CHAPTER 20 (LICENSES, TAXATION AND MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS), ARTICLE II (TAXATION GENERALLY), SECTION 20-22 (ANNUAL LEVY AND RATE OF TAXES), AND APPENDIX B (FEE SCHEDULE) SETTING TAX RATES ON REAL ESTATE, VEHICLES USED AS MOBILE HOMES OR OFFICES, TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY, REAL ESTATE AND TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY OF PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATIONS, AND SETTING UTILITY WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR TAX YEAR 2016

The Council of the Town of Leesburg in Virginia hereby ordains:

SECTION I. That Section 20-22 (Annual levy and rate of taxes), Article II (TAXATION GENERALLY), Chapter 20 (Licenses, Taxation and Miscellaneous Regulations) of the Town Code of Leesburg is hereby re-ordained to read as follows:

Taxes shall be levied and collected as provided by law on taxable real estate, vehicles used as mobile homes or offices, aircraft, tangible personal property, public service corporations, and bank capital in the town for each tax year beginning January 1st and ending December 31st for the support of the town government, payment of interest on town debt and for other town purposes. Each person assessed taxes by the town shall pay them as required by law.

SECTION II. Appendix B Fee Schedule

- Real estate and vehicles used as mobile homes (\$0.183 per \$100 of assessed value);
- Public service corporations (real estate \$0.183 per \$100 of assessed value, tangible personal property \$1.00 per \$100 of assessed value); and
- Tangible personal property for qualified vehicles, non-commercial (up to the first \$20,000, \$0.48, over the first \$20,000, \$1.00 per \$100 of assessed value);
- Water Use Rates:

Class Residential Individually Metered (Single Family):

Inside Town – Consumption Charge per 1,000 gallons:

Tier 1: 0 - 6,000 Gallons	\$4.14
Tier 2: 6,001 - 15,000 Gallons	\$5.17
Tier 3: 15,001 - 30,000 Gallons	\$6.20
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Outside Town – Consumption Charge per 1,000 gallons:

Tier 1: 0 - 6,000 Gallons	\$5.83
Tier 2: 6,001- 15,000 Gallons	\$7.29
Tier 3: 15,001 - 30,000 Gallons	\$8.75
Tier 4: > 30,001 Gallons	\$11.76

Class Residential Master Metered (Apartments) & Nonresidential:

Inside Town – Consumption Charge per 1,000 gallons

Tier 1: All Use	\$5.58
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Outside Town – Consumption Charge per 1,000 gallons

Tier 1: All Use	\$7.87
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Class Irrigation and Cooling Tower Customers:

Inside Town – Consumption Charge per 1,000 gallons

Tier 1: 0 - 240,000 Gallons	\$6.20
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Tier 2:>240,001 Gallons	\$8.34
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Outside Town – Consumption Charge per 1,000 gallons

Tier 1: 0 - 240,000 Gallons	\$8.75
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Tier 2: > 240,001 Gallons	\$11.76
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• Sec. 34-61 Fixed water and account charge per quarter:

Class Residential Individually Metered (Single Family)

Account Charge (Per Bill)	\$6.92
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Water Meter Size (Per Meter):

5/8" to 3/4"	\$9.99
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Full 3/4"	\$10.12
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1"	\$12.17
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Full ¾"	\$13.23
1"	\$21.49

Water Meter Size (Per Meter):

1½"	\$48.82
2"	\$69.00
3"	\$120.42
4"	\$179.11
6"	\$336.42
8"	\$558.17

Class Irrigation and Cooling Tower:

Account Charge (Per Bill)	\$6.92
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Water Meter Size (Per Meter):

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• Sec. 34-155 Sewer use charge, connection to both water and sewer system:

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Inside Town – Consumption Charge per 1,000 gallons

0 - 36,000 Gallons	\$5.82
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Outside Town – Consumption Charge per 1,000 gallons

0 - 36,000 Gallons	\$8.84
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Inside Town	\$5.82
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Outside Town – Consumption Charge per 1,000 gallons
Outside Town \$8.84

- Sec. 34-156. Fixed sewer charge, per quarter, connection to both water and sewer system:
Class Residential Individually Metered (Single Family)

Water Meter Size (Per Meter)	
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2"	\$10.23

- Class Residential Master Metered (Apartments), Nonresidential and Cooling Tower

Water Meter Size (Per Meter)	
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- Flat sewer charge, account charge and fixed sewer charge per quarter where connection made to sewer system only:

Inside Town – Sewer Only Flat Charge per quarter \$87.30
Inside Town – Sewer Only Fixed Charge and Account Charge per quarter \$17.15
Outside Town – Sewer Only Flat Charge per quarter \$132.60
Outside Town – Sewer Only Fixed Charge and Account Charge per quarter \$17.15

SECTION III. All prior ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

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SECTION IV. Severability. If a court of competent jurisdiction declares any provision of this ordinance invalid, the decision shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any remaining provisions of the Leesburg Town Code.

SECTION V. This ordinance shall be effective July 1, 2015.

PASSED this ___ day of _____, 2015.

Kristen C. Umstattd, Mayor
Town of Leesburg

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council