



NEWS RELEASE

TOWN OF HERNDON PROPOSED FY 2019 BUDGET PRESENTED TO TOWN COUNCIL *Town Council to Hold Public Hearings on April 10 and April 24*

Herndon, VA (April 1, 2018) – Herndon Town Manager William H. Ashton II has proposed a FY 2019 Budget of \$60,222,260, a 17.7 percent increase from the adopted FY 2018 Budget. The town’s FY 2019 begins July 1, 2018 and extends to June 30, 2019.

“The proposed FY 2019 Budget funds the Town Council priorities, such as redevelopment of Herndon’s downtown into a vibrant, mixed-use space as well as continued planning for the coming of Metrorail,” said Ashton. “It also recommends continuation of the services and programs our citizens expect and enjoy.”

Highlights of the proposed FY 2019 Budget include:

- Maintenance of the town real estate tax, meals tax and all other tax rates at their current levels;
- Continued allocation of resources to capital projects, including downtown redevelopment and Metro planning;
- Resources to support development of an arts facility that will act as an economic driver for the downtown;
- Implementation of a town-wide sustainability plan;
- Focus on the town’s use of technology to support administration and service provision; and
- Increased personnel costs to include a 1.25 percent market rate adjustment and an average pay-for-performance increase of two percent.

The proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) calls for funding of longer-term projects such as Phase 5 of the Herndon Community Center, a Nature Center at Runnymede Park, vehicular and pedestrian access to Metro and Van Buren Street improvements.

FY 2019 Proposed Budget “Facts-at-a-Glance” follow. The complete budget is available online at www.herndon-va.gov and hard copies are available for review at the Herndon Municipal Center and Herndon Fortnightly Library. All citizens and businesses located in the town will receive “A Citizen’s Guide to the Proposed FY 2019 Budget” via U.S. Mail.

The Town Council will hold two public hearings on the budget, on Tuesday, April 10, and Tuesday, April 24, both beginning at 7pm in the Ingram Council Chambers, 765 Lynn Street. Citizens may also submit comments about the budget online at www.herndon-va.gov or send an email to budget@herndon-va.gov.

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FY 2019 PROPOSED BUDGET AT-A-GLANCE

The complete FY 2019 Proposed Budget is online at herndon-va.gov.

Total Budget Expenditures

\$60,222,260 for all funds (General Fund, Water and Sewer Fund, Golf Course Fund, Chestnut Grove Cemetery Fund, Downtown Parking Enterprise Fund and the Capital Projects Funds). The total reflects an increase of 17.7 percent over the adopted FY 2018 budget of \$51,181,877.

General Fund Recurring Budget Expenditures

FY 2019 recurring General Fund expenditure are \$35,191,231, an increase of 1.7 percent over the FY 2018 recurring expenditures of \$34,599,127. Includes personnel, operations and maintenance, debt service and minor capital (excludes transfers).

General Fund Expenditures

\$36,216,231 which reflects an increase of \$598,104 or 1.7 percent more than the FY 2018 adopted budget.

Real Estate Tax

Remains at \$0.2650 per \$100 of assessed value.

One Penny on the Real Estate Tax Rate

Equivalent to approximately \$445,015 in tax revenues (includes assessed value of public service corporations and real property assessments).

Average Residential Property Value

Projected at \$386,541.

Average Residential Real Estate Tax Bill

\$1024.33 based on \$0.2650 per \$100 assessed value.

Personal Property Tax Rate

Remains at \$0.00 per \$100 assessed value.

Meals Tax

Remains at 2.5 percent.

Cigarette Tax

Remains at 75 cents per pack.

Business Professional and Occupational License Tax

All classifications and thresholds remain at the current amounts.

Motor Vehicle License Fee

Remains at \$25 for private passenger and other vehicles weighing less than 4,000 lbs; and \$32 for vehicles weighing in excess of 4,000 lbs.

Consumer Utility Tax

Tax based on the purchase of utility services within the corporate limits of the town. The amount of the tax for residential consumers contains a monthly cap of \$3 per utility.

Sewer Service Rate

Increased from \$5.05 in FY 2018 to \$5.40 per 1,000 gallons of water consumption in FY2019.

Sewer Availability Fee

Increased from \$7,490 in FY2018 to \$10,800 in FY2019 for new, single-family homes.

Sewer Lateral Repair and Replacement Program

Remains at \$2 per year (\$0.50 per quarter).

Water Service Rate

Increased from \$2.90 in FY 2018 to \$2.98 per 1,000 gallons of water consumption in FY2019. Peak rate increased from \$4.95 in FY2018 to \$5.08 in FY2019.

Water Availability Fee

Increased from \$4,863 in FY2018 to \$7,800 in FY2019 for new, single-family homes.

Recycling Fee

Remains at \$16 per year (\$4 per quarter).

Personnel

Personnel costs for all funds total \$27,257,521, an increase of \$374,966 when compared to FY 2018.

Capital Improvement Program

\$14,700,000 (all funds).