MINUTES

BERRYVILLE TOWN COUNCIL

Regular Meeting
April 14, 2026
5:00 p.m.

A meeting of the Berryville Town Council was held on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. at the Berryville-Clarke County Government Center in Berryville.

Town Council

Present: Harry Lee Arnold, Jr., Mayor; Erecka L. Gibson, Vice Mayor; William Steinmetz; Paul Perez; Grant Mazzarino; Ryan Tibbens.

Absent:

Staff

Present: Keith Dalton, Town Manager; Jean Petti, Deputy Town Manager; Brandel Kelsey, Town Clerk; Terry Russell, Community Development Director; Cindy Poulin, Director of Finance; Chief Jason Winner, Berryville Police Department

Press Mickey Powell, Winchester Star

1. Call to Order
Mayor Harry Lee Arnold, Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Closed Session
Discussion with legal counsel and Town staff concerning a conditional rezoning application and related requirements of the Virginia Code, the Berryville Area Plan, and the Town's Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances.

William Steinmetz moved that the Council of the Town of Berryville enter closed session in accordance with Code of Virginia §2.2-3711.8, to consult with legal counsel and Town staff concerning a conditional rezoning application and related requirements of the Virginia Code, the Berryville Area Plan, and the Town's Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances. Motion passed by voice vote.

Vice Mayor Erecka Gibson moved that the Council of the Town of Berryville adopt the following resolution certifying it has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act:

Resolution

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712.D of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Council that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Council.

Vote by roll call:

Mr. Steinmetz	**Aye**
Mr. Perez	**Aye**
Mr. Mazzarino	**Aye**
Mr. Tibbens	**Aye**
Ms. Gibson	**Aye**
Mr. Arnold	**Aye**

3. Recess

Vice Mayor Gibson moved that the Council of the Town of Berryville stand in recess until 7:00 p.m.

4. Reconvene at 7:00 p.m. for Regular Meeting

Mayor Arnold ended the recess and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

5. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Arnold invited all those assembled to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Mayor Gibson moved to certify the closed session right after the pledge and then the roll call occurred.

6. Approval of Agenda

Ryan Tibbens moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed by voice vote.

7. Presentations, Awards, and Recognitions

Recognition of Margaret Barthel's 100th Birthday.

Town Clerk Brandel Kelsey read the attached resolution for Ms. Barthel.

Ms. Barthel thanked everyone for coming and spoke kindly about all the people from the Town that have impacted her life. She also thanked the Council and staff for gathering to honor her.

Town Manager Keith Dalton recognized the Council and staff, the Bank of Clarke and the Presbyterian Church for putting this together to honor Ms. Barthel.

Vice Mayor Gibson moved that the Council of the Town of Berryville adopt the attached resolution honoring Margaret Barthel on the occasion of her 100th Birthday. Motion passed by voice vote.

8. Public Hearings

Proposed tax rates for Tax Year 2026

Director of Finance Cindy Poulin went over the attached tax rates for the Council. No public comment was made.

Proposed amendments to the Town's Schedule of Water and Sewer Fees and Charges

Mr. Dalton explained the attached schedule of Water and Sewer Fees and Charges.

Mrs. Mary Ivie from 12 Dorsey St addressed the Council, explaining that she is retired and can not afford a rate increase because she, like other retirees in Berryville, lives on a fixed income.

Proposed repeal and re-adoption of Appendix C of the Berryville Code- Erosion and Sediment Control

Deputy Town Manager Jean Petti discussed the changes to Appendix C of the Berryville Code, Erosion and Sediment Control. No members of the public spoke.

Proposed revisions to the Town's Regulations for Special Events and Demonstrations

Mrs. Petti explained the changes the staff would like to make to the Regulations for Special Events and Demonstrations. Increasing police to attendee ratio would pass the costs of increased police presence along to the event itself, instead of having the cost borne by taxpayers who may or may not receive the benefit.

Mr. Brent Whittlesey from 675 Lime Marl Ln, Chair of the Clarke County Democratic Committee (CCDC), recommended rejecting the changes. His committee has had several demonstrations, called No Kings and not had any issues. They cannot pay fees if there are over 2,000 people that attend. He stated other cites do not charge fees. He will have the event on the streets if the fees for Rose Hill Park are raised.

Mr. Tony Reynolds from 403 Walnut St is also on the CCDC. He wanted to thank Mickey Powell from the Winchester Star for his article, but wished to correct some discrepancies in it. The participants in one of the last rallies were mostly from out of town and the person with heat exhaustion was located in under 3 minutes. He stated the fees for the events were expensive but achievable. He thinks the Cruise-In and The Big Flea have more people and are more dangerous than the rallies. He summed up by saying, "If the system isn't broke do not fix it."

Mrs. Sara Brennan, Clarke County resident, shared her opinion that there are no problems and the town should not try to fix problems that are not there. She was a volunteer at both events last year and she saw the police standing around, sitting on the roof of their cars while she surveyed the crowd. She said that charging the committee more fees will take away the rights of citizens. She requested the data that supports the documented pressure on police and emergency services.

Mrs. Joan Serrano from 521 Blossom Dr is also with the CCDC and shared that she has attended events all over including DC and Leesburg, there have been no issues at any No Kings rally. She opined that the Town should work it out of the Town's budget to pay for this.

Mr. Kurt Vannostrand from 218 Academy St wanted to know if these fees were being charged to the Cruise-In and The Big Flea or just to the CCDC.

Proposed amendment of the Town's Construction Standards and Specifications Manual
Mrs. Petti explained the changes to the Town's Construction Standards and Specifications Manual. The changes are as follows:

1. A change to the hydrant marker standard from fiberglass to steel to reduce the potential of fiberglass splinters.
2. Require that all water meters be in exterior locations for ease of access and to reduce risk of property damage.

No comment was received on this item.

9. Discussion of Public Hearing Items
Proposed tax rates for Tax Year 2026
Vice Mayor Gibson moved that the Council of the Town of Berryville adopt the attached ordinance setting the tax levies for the Tax Year 2026 in accordance with Berryville Code Chapter 16- Taxation, Article I- In General, Section 16-1 Annual Tax Assessments; valuation of property. Motion passed by voice vote.

Vice Mayor Gibson moved that the Council of the Town of Berryville adopt the attached resolution providing for the implementation of the 2004-2005 changes to the Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998, for Tax Year 2026. Motion passed by voice vote.

Proposed amendments to the Town's Schedule of Water and Sewer Fees and Charges
Mr. Tibbens wanted to note that the minimum usage charge for water went up but the sewer went down.

Vice Mayor Gibson moved that the Council of the Town of Berryville adopt the attached ordinance amending the Schedule of Water and Sewer Fees and Charges and that the new schedule become effective June 18, 2026. Motion passed by voice vote.

Proposed repeal and re-adoption of Appendix C of the Berryville Code- Erosion and Sediment Control
Mr. Steinmetz moved that Council of the Town of Berryville adopt the attached ordinance repealing and readopting Appendix C of the Berryville Code- Erosion and Sediment Control. Motion passed by voice vote.

Proposed revisions to the Town's Regulations for Special Events and Demonstrations
Mr. Tibbens stated he is not a part of any political party. He said the park is a part of the Town for everyone to enjoy. He knows that just because nothing has happened yet doesn't mean nothing will happen in the future,

but he doesn't think raising the fees will help with safety. He also thinks the change to adding an extra officer for traffic is not necessary.

The Council made the decision for this item to go back to committee so the charges can be reevaluated.

Proposed amendment of the Town's Construction Standards and Specifications Manual
Grant Mazzarino moved that the Council of the Town of Berryville adopt the attached amendments to the Construction Standards and Specifications Manual. Motion passed by voice vote.

10. Citizens' Forum
Mrs. Mary Ivie from 12 Dorsey St wanted to thank Mrs. Petti for her help with the tractor trailers going down the back streets. She said the Dorsey St construction has been great. The company is very good at letting the residents know what will be happening and when.

Mr. Tony Reynolds at 403 Walnut Ct wanted to thank the staff for the additional hydrants in his neighborhood. Also, that the contractors have gone above and beyond and the Public Works guys are doing a remarkable job.

Mr. Kurt Vannostrand from 218 Academy St asked how long will it be before paving will begin. Mr. Dalton responded FUOG Interbuild should have work done by the end of April, then the paving will start. It should start with Academy St in mid-May, then to Smith, Dorsey and First Streets.

11. Consent Agenda
Mr. Tibbens moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion passed by voice vote.

12. Unfinished Business
Set Public Hearing: Proposed amendment of Berryville Code Sections 10-49- Parking of commercial vehicles in residential areas and 10-50- Parking and storage of travel trailers, boats, etc. in residential areas.
Mrs. Petti invited the Council to comment on the changes to the Code. It was decided to take this back to committee and no public hearing was set.

Set Public Hearing: Proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget
Vice Mayor Gibson moved that the Council of the Town of Berryville set a public hearing on May 12, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard to consider adoption of the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget. Motion passed by voice vote.

10. New Business
Set Public Hearing: Proposed renewal of lease with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC for improvements on and around the elevated water tower at 201 Tom Whitacre Circle.
Mr. Dalton explained the changes to the proposed renewal of the lease on the water tower. This will be the fourth amendment to the lease and there is a five-year term.

Paul Perez moved that the Council of the Town of Berryville set a public hearing on May 12, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard to consider renewing a lease with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC for improvements on and around the elevated water tower at 201 Tom Whitacre Circle. Motion passed by voice vote.

11. Council Member Reports
Mayor Arnold said Vice Mayor Gibson, Mrs. Petti, and Mr. Dalton attended a ground breaking ceremony at Jack Enders Blvd for Phase II of LGV Group. Berryville Main Street put on The Big Flea and it was very successful.

Mr. Tibbens wanted to thank Public Works for the brush pick up and all that they do.

12. Staff Reports
Community Development
Director of Community Development Terry Russell spoke about Arbor Day Proclamation and that this is a requirement for designation as a Tree City. A member of the Tree Board, Mrs. Ariel Firebaugh was present. There is one vacancy on the Tree Board.

Mr. Steinmetz moved that the Council of the Town of Berryville adopt the attached Arbor Day Resolution. Motion passed by voice vote.

Adoption and set public hearing: Proposed adoption of a resolution to initiate zoning text amendments to Zoning Ordinance Section 509, Amendments with Proffered Conditions and set public hearing on the matter. ZTA 01-26
Mr. Russell explained the change to the zoning ordinance.

Mr. Mazzarino moved that the Council of the Town of Berryville adopt the attached resolution initiating text amendments to Zoning Ordinance Section 509 and set a public hearing on the text amendments on May 12, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard. Motion passed by voice vote.

13. Committee Updates
Mayor Arnold recognized the chairs of the standing committees of the Town Council for updates.

Budget and Finance Committee

Community Development Committee & Streets and Utilities Committee
Mr. Tibbens said the meeting scheduled April 28th can be canceled due to a conflict with the meeting rooms.

Personnel, Appointments, and Policy
Mayor Arnold said there is a potential person they are speaking with to fill the vacancy on the Tree Board and the Planning Commission still has one open space.

Public Safety

14. Closed Session
Discussion with the town manager regarding the performance of specific employees.
Motion to enter Closed Session
Vice Mayor Gibson moved that the Council of the Town of Berryville enter closed session in accordance with Code of Virginia §2.2-3711.1, for the town manager to consult with the Council regarding the performance of specific employees. Motion passed by voice vote.

The Council returned to open session at 9:28 p.m.

Certification Motion and Resolution
Mr. Tibbens moved that the Council of the Town of Berryville adopt the following resolution certifying it has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act:

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Vote by roll call:

Mr. Steinmetz	**Aye**
Mr. Perez	**Aye**
Mr. Mazzarino	**Aye**
Mr. Tibbens	**Aye**
Ms. Gibson	**Aye**
Mr. Arnold	**Aye**

15. Adjourn
The Council adjourned at 9:30 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Mazzarino.

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Erecka L. Gibson, Vice Mayor Brandel Kelsey, Town Clerk

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BERRYVILLE HONORING

Margaret Barthel

WHEREAS, Margaret Barthel will celebrate her centennial birthday on May 25th; this accomplishment is extraordinary because she made every year meaningful; and

WHEREAS, she has been a faithful servant of God and member of Berryville Presbyterian Church since March 1936, contributing her voice to the choir and her enthusiasm to roles as diverse as Sunday School teacher, Deacon, member of the Board of Trustees, the Stewardship Committee, the Pastoral Nominating Committee, and as Leader of the Presbyterian Women's circle; and

WHEREAS, Margaret built a career of service to the customers of the Bank of Clarke, which she joined as bookkeeper in March 1945, moving to a position of Auditor from 1983 to 1986, and subsequently being promoted in 1986 to Assistant Vice President and then to Vice President in December 1988. She retired from Bank of Clarke in March of 1992, after an extraordinary 47 years of dedication and working with six of the Bank's first seven presidents; and

WHEREAS, she exemplified community spirit as a member and Chair of the Board of Zoning Appeals for more than four decades, where her logic and fair application of law served as a steady guide in changing times as Berryville has grown; and

WHEREAS, Margaret has not been satisfied with merely witnessing history, but has left her own mark on it, particularly for her family, friends, coworkers, and the community of Berryville.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Town of Berryville honors Margaret Barthel for the achievement not only of one hundred years, but of an incredible legacy of determination and deep caring as she has shown multiple generations how to live with dignity, humor, and grace.

By order of the Town Council this 14th day of April, 2026.

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Harry Lee Arnold Jr., Mayor **Erecka L. Gibson, Vice Mayor**

2026-2027 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RATE ANALYSIS

Tax Year	# VEH		Rate	Assmt	Tax Levy	PPTRA	%	Tax Amount	%	PPTRA FUNDS
2023	3615	$	1.25	$ 81,710,005.56 6%INC	$ 963,535.27	$ 188,880.69	20%	$ 774,654.58	80%	$209,916.73
2024	3776	$	1.25	$ 98,780,679.16 18%inc	$ 886,312.50	$ 185,075.71	21%	$ 701,236.79	79%	$209,916.73
2025	3858	$	1.25	$ 111,902,175.50 21.7% inc	$ 1,108,779.81	$ 257,219.35	23%	$ 851,560.46	77%	$209,916.73
2026 EST	3933	$	1.25	$ 123,092,393.05 10%inc	$ 1,108,779.81	$ 257,219.35	23%	$ 851,560.46	77%	$209,916.73
2026 EST	3933	$	1.26	$ 123,092,393.05 10%inc	$ 1,108,779.81	$ 257,219.35	23%	$ 861,648.26	78%	$209,916.73

2026 REAL ESTATE TAX RATE ANALYSIS

	LAND	IMPROVEMENTS	LESS EXEMPT PROP	LESS LAND USE	LESS TAX RELIEF	TOTAL ASSMT		TOTAL TAX	% Increase
2022 RE ASSESSMENT	**179,273,500**	**469,027,300**	**(11,480,300)**	-	**-7,801**	**636,812,699**	8.20%	RATE $0.20	
Actual								**$1,273,625.40**	
2023 RE ASSESSMENT	**180,949,100**	**483,937,900**	**(11,480,300)**	-	**-7,781**	**653,398,919**	2.60%	RATE $0.20	
Actual								**$1,306,797.84**	
2024 RE ASSESSMENT	**185,442,400**	**511,048,000**	**(11,534,800)**	-	**-67,422**	**684,888,178**	4.82%	RATE $0.20	
Acrtual								**$1,369,776.36**	
2025 RE ASSESSMENT	**300,483,400**	**785,456,900**	**(79,834,500)**	-	**-26,068**	**1,006,079,732**	2.09%	RATE $0.139	
Actual								**$1,398,450.83**	
2026 RE ASSESSMENT	300,483,400	785,456,900	(79,834,500)		-26,068	1,006,079,732		RATE $0.139	
$ 0.139								$1,398,450.83	
					Estimated uncollectible 1.25%			**$17,480.64**	
								$1,380,970.19	
2026 RE ASSESSMENT	300,483,400	785,456,900	(79,834,500)		-26,068	1,006,079,732		RATE $0.149	
$ 0.149								$1,499,058.80	
					Estimated uncollectible 1.25%			**$18,738.24**	
								$1,480,320.57	

Valuation	**$.139/$100**	**$.149/$100**	Increase per year	Increase per month
100,000.00	$ 139.00	$ 149.00	$ 10.00	$ 0.83
200,000.00	$ 278.00	$ 298.00	$ 20.00	$ 1.67
288,768.00	$ 401.39	$ 430.26	$ 28.88	$ 2.41
300,000.00	$ 417.00	$ 447.00	$ 30.00	$ 2.50
400,000.00	$ 556.00	$ 596.00	$ 40.00	$ 3.33
500,000.00	$ 695.00	$ 745.00	$ 50.00	$ 4.17

	Tax Year	Real Estate	Personal Property	Machinery & Tools
	2026	**$ 0.139**	**$ 1.25**	**$ 1.30**
	2025	$ 0.139	$ 1.25	$ 1.30
	2024	$ 0.200	$ 1.25	$ 1.30
	2023	$ 0.200	$ 1.25	$ 1.30
	2022	$ 0.200	$ 1.25	$ 1.30
	2021	$ 0.200	$ 1.25	$ 1.30
	2020	$ 0.177	$ 1.25	$ 1.30
	2019	$ 0.200	$ 1.25	$ 1.30
	2018	$ 0.190	$ 1.25	$ 1.30
	2017	$ 0.190	$ 1.25	$ 1.30
*	2016	$ 0.190	$ 1.25	$ 1.300
	2015	$ 0.186	$ 1.25	$ 1.300
	2014	$ 0.136	$ 1.05	$ 1.300
	2013	$ 0.116	$ 1.00	$ 1.182
	2012	$ 0.116	$ 1.00	$ 1.168
	2011	$ 0.116	$ 1.00	$ 1.00
*	2010	$ 0.116	$ 1.00	$ 1.00
	2009	$ 0.0989	$ 1.00	$ 1.00
	2008	$ 0.0989	$ 1.00	$ 1.00
	2007	$ 0.0989	$ 1.00	$ 1.00
*	2006	$ 0.0989	$ 1.00	$ 1.00
	2005	$ 0.20	$ 1.00	$ 0.91
	2004	$ 0.20	$ 1.00	$ 0.85
	2003	$ 0.20	$ 1.00	$ 0.88
*	2002	$ 0.20	$ 1.00	$ 0.90
	2001	$ 0.23	$ 1.00	$ 0.90
	2000	$ 0.23	$ 1.00	$ 0.90
	1999	$ 0.23	$ 1.00	$ 0.90
*	1998	$ 0.23	$ 1.00	$ 0.93
	1997	$ 0.24	$ 1.00	$ 0.93
	1996	$ 0.24	$ 1.00	$ 0.93
	1995	$ 0.24	$ 1.00	$ 0.93
*	1994	$ 0.24	$ 1.00	$ 1.00
	1993	$ 0.24	$ 1.00	$ 1.00
	1992	$ 0.24	$ 1.00	$ 1.00
	1991	$ 0.24	$ 1.00	$ 1.00
*	1990	$ 0.24	$ 1.00	$ 1.00
	1989	$ 0.37	$ 1.00	$ 1.00
	1988	$ 0.37	$ 1.00	$ 1.00
	1987	$ 0.37	$ 1.00	$ 1.00
*	1986	$ 0.37	$ 1.00	$ 1.00
	1985	$ 0.37	$ 1.00	$ 1.00
	1984	$ 0.37	$ 1.00	$ 1.00
	1983	$ 0.37	$ 1.00	$ 1.00
*	1982	$ 0.37	$ 1.00	$ 1.00
	1981	$ 0.40	$ 1.00	$ 1.00
	1980	$ 0.40	$ 1.00	$ 1.00

Legend

* Reassessment

⇧ Tax Increase

⇩ Tax Rate Decrease

TOWN OF BERRYVILLE

SCHEDULE OF WATER AND SEWER FEES AND CHARGES

~~**Effective June 21, 2025**~~

Proposed to be effective June 18, 2026

I. USER FEES

A. WATER

1. Within corporate limits or the limits of an approved annexation area: ~~$10.30~~ **$11.62** per 1,000 gallons of usage. Minimum charge ~~$5.00~~ **$8.72** per month for usage under 1,000 gallons during billing period.
2. Other: ~~$12.87~~ **$14.53** per 1,000 gallons of usage. Minimum charge ~~$6.25~~ **$10.90** per month for usage under 1,000 gallons during billing period.

B. SEWER

1. Within corporate limits or the limits of an approved annexation area: ~~$17.78~~ **$18.31** per 1,000 gallons of usage. Minimum charge ~~$15.00~~ **$13.73** per month for usage under 1,000 gallons during billing period.
2. Other: ~~$22.22~~ **$22.89** per 1,000 gallons of usage. Minimum charge ~~$18.75~~ **$17.17** per month for usage under 1,000 gallons during billing period.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE AND FACILITIES FEES AND DEPOSITS

A. ADMINISTRATIVE AND FACILITIES FEES

Monthly Administrative and Facilities Fees, charged with usage:

Water $24.35

Sewer $12.18

Late Fee: 10% of bill amount

Service Disconnection/Reconnection Fee: $50

Returned Check/ACH Fee: $50

B. DEPOSITS

Residential: individually metered single-family units, town homes, and duplexes: ~~$300~~ **$315**

Residential: multi-family with master meter: ~~$245~~ **$260** per unit

Business/Commercial excluding restaurants and laundries: ~~$300~~ **$315**

Restaurant: ~~$895*~~ **$910***

Laundry: ~~$4,620*~~ **$4,635***

Institutional: ~~$1,640*~~ **$1,655***

Industrial: ~~$5,660*~~ **$5,675***

*Town Manager may increase or decrease on the basis of actual usage.

Note: Town Manager may establish reasonable deposit amounts for use types not anticipated by this schedule.

III. AVAILABILITY FEES

A. WATER

Meter Size (Inches)	Demand Ratio	Avail. Fee (Corp. Limits or Annex. Area)	Avail. Fee (Other)	Meter Cost
5/8	1	~~$ 17,200~~ **$17,750**	~~$ 21,500~~ **$22,188**	Meter Fee
3/4	1.5	~~$ 25,800~~ **$26,625**	~~$ 32,249~~ **$33,282**	Meter Fee
1	2.5	~~$ 42,999~~ **$44,375**	~~$ 53,749~~ **$55,470**	Meter Fee
1.5	4.375	~~$ 75,248~~ **$77,656**	~~$ 94,062~~ **$97,073**	Meter Fee
2	8	~~$ 137,596~~ **$142,000**	~~$ 172,000~~ **$177,504**	Meter Fee
3	16	~~$ 275,193~~ **$284,000**	~~$ 344,000~~ **$355,008**	Meter Fee
4	25	~~$ 429,894~~ **$443,750**	~~$ 537,500~~ **$554,700**	Meter Fee
6	50	~~$ 859,978~~ **$887,500**	~~$1,074,999~~**$1,109,400**	Meter Fee

Greater than 6", Demand Ratio (AWWA M22) multiplied by fee for Demand Ratio 1.

Notes:

(a) Multi-family residences are defined as any master-metered group of apartment, townhouse, condominium, or other residential units with each unit having separate kitchen facilities.

(b) In cases in which a master meter serves multi-family residences or a combination of multi-family and commercial units, the applicant will pay a fee based on the higher of A) an amount derived by multiplying .8 by the applicable water availability fee for demand ratio 1 times the total number of residential and commercial units to be served by a single meter, or B) an amount based on the meter size as specified above.

(c) Meter fee is calculated by adding the cost of the meter and a 30% (of meter cost) handling fee.

B. SEWER

Meter Size (Inches)	Demand Ratio	Avail. Fee (Corp. Limits or Annex. Area)	Avail. Fee (Other)
5/8	1	~~$18,468~~ **$19,059**	~~$23,085~~ **$23,824**
3/4	1.5	~~$27,702~~ **$28,589**	~~$34,628~~ **$35,736**
1	2.5	~~$46,170~~ **$47,648**	~~$57,714~~ **$59,560**
1.5	4.375	~~$80,800~~ **$83,383**	~~$97,820~~ **$104,230**
2	8	~~$147,747~~ **$152,472**	~~$184,686~~ **$190,592**
3	16	~~$295,494~~ **$304,944**	~~$369,372~~ **$381,184**
4	25	~~$461,710~~ **$476,475**	~~$577,144~~ **$595,600**
6	50	~~$923,419~~ **$952,950**	~~$1,154,287~~ **$1,191,200**

Greater than 6", Demand Ratio (AWWA M22) multiplied by fee for Demand Ratio 1.

IV. LATERAL OR CONNECTION FEES

Connection to the Town's water distribution and/or sewer collection system may be completed only if the following conditions are met:

- Party applying to connect to the system agrees to assume all costs associated with connection to the systems, including excavation, taps, vaults, traffic control, restoration (including pavement), testing, inspections, etc.
- Contractor responsible for completing work has been vetted and approved by the Town.
- Plans for the work, including restoration, have been approved by the Town.
- Required surety has been approved and provided to the Town.
- Required insurance coverage is in place and documentation thereof provided to the Town.
- Required permits have been issued by the Town, Virginia Department of Transportation, or another applicable agency.

V. INSPECTIONS

A. Sanitary Sewer Camera Service and Storm Sewer Camera Inspection Service **

1. Mains and Laterals Over 4 Inches in Diameter

   Mobilization Fee: $350

   Camera Fee: $3.00 per linear foot

2. 4-Inch Laterals

   Laterals Under 50 Feet in Length: $200

   Laterals 50 Feet in Length or Greater: $200 plus $3.00 per linear foot

**** Service offered as workforce and equipment availability permits.**

B. Inspections

Town staff: $75 per hour (1 hour minimum for any inspection then billed at ½ hr. increments thereafter) ***

***** Service offered as workforce availability permits.**

Licensed professional engineer or approved third-party inspector: Cost

C. Hydrant Flow Tests

$75 per hour (1 hour minimum for any test then billed at ½ hr. increments thereafter) plus cost of water (includes water and sewer charges)

Notes:

Cleaning of lines will be required prior to camera use: Line cleaning is the responsibility of the applicant. If lines are not clean and camera crew must remobilize later to perform the inspection, a second mobilization fee will be charged.

Hydrant flow tests: Hydrant flow tests must be scheduled with the Director of Public Works no less than three work days in advance of test. Contractor will supply gauges and will be responsible for recording results. Town personnel will operate hydrant.

VI. SIGNIFICANT INDUSTRIAL USER FEES

Sewer system discharge permit: $500

VII. WATER METER TESTING

5/8" meter: $125

All other meters: $125 + cost

Note: Fee is refunded if meter is found to be over-registering.

VIII. HYDRANT METERS

Nonrefundable account establishment fee:	$50
Meter deposit:	~~$1,500~~ **Current cost to purchase meter + 30%** (deposit refunded upon return of undamaged meter)

Note: Usage metered through hydrant meters will be billed for both water and sewer user fees.

IX. UNAUTHORIZED USE OF SERVICE

For unauthorized water withdrawals from fire hydrants or any other part of the Town water system, or when a customer willfully takes steps to reactivate service after service has been disconnected by the Town because of nonpayment of any charge owed to the Town, and the Town must take action to discontinue service again by removal of the meter or by any other necessary measures, a $250 charge for unauthorized use of services will be imposed. This charge will be in addition to any other charge for water and sewer services owed to the Town, and in addition to any legal remedies the Town may pursue for unauthorized use of service.

Approved by Town Council ~~May 13, 2025~~

TOWN OF BERRYVILLE
TOWN COUNCIL
AN ORDINANCE SETTING TAX LEVIES FOR TAX YEAR 2026

Date: April 14, 2026

Motion By:

Second By:

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the Town of Berryville, Virginia, that for the tax year 2026 there is hereby levied:

(1) A tax of $.139 per $100 assessed valuation on all real estate located within the Town of Berryville, such levy being also applicable to the real estate and tangible personal property of public service corporations;

(2) A tax rate of $1.25 per $100 assessed valuation on all taxable, tangible personal property, except machinery and tools, located in the Town of Berryville;

(3) A tax rate of $1.30 per $100 assessed valuation on tangible machinery and tools located in the Town of Berryville.

All tax levies shall be due and payable pursuant to the Code of the Town of Berryville, Chapter 16, Article I, Section 16-3.

VOTE:
Aye:

Nay:

Absent:

SIGNED: _____ Date: April 14, 2026
Harry Lee Arnold, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: _____ Date: April 14, 2026
Erecka L. Gibson, Vice Mayor

Town of Berryville

Resolution
To Provide for the Implementation of the 2004-2005
Changes to the Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998
For the Tax Year 2026

WHEREAS, the Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998, Va. Code § 58.1-3523 *et seq.* ("PPTRA"), has been substantially modified by the enactment of Chapter 1 of the Acts of Assembly, 2004 Special Session I (Senate Bill 505) and the provisions of Item 503 of Chapter 951 of the 2005 Acts of Assembly, being the 2005 revisions to the 2004-2006 Appropriations Act ("the 2005 Appropriations Act"); and

WHEREAS, the legislative enactments require the Town to take affirmative steps to provide for the computation and allocation of relief provided pursuant to the PPTRA as revised; and

WHEREAS, these legislative enactments provide for the Town of a fixed sum to be used exclusively for the provision of tax relief to owners of qualifying personal use vehicles that are subject to local personal property tax on such vehicles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Berryville in accordance with the requirements set forth in Va. Code § 58.1-3524(C) (2) and § 58.1-3912(E), as amended by Chapter 1 of the 2005 Acts of Assembly (2004 Special Session 1) and as set forth in Item 503 of the 2005 Appropriations Act, that any qualifying vehicle having situs within the Town during the tax year which begins on January 1, 2026, shall receive personal property tax relief in the following manner:

1. Personal use vehicles valued at less than $1,000 will be eligible of 100 percentage of tax relief set by the Town Council during its annual budget deliberations.
2. Personal use vehicles valued between $1,001 and $20,000 will be eligible for 49 percentage of tax relief set by the Town Council during its annual budget deliberations.
3. Personal use vehicles valued at $20,001 or more will be eligible for 49 percentage of tax relief on the first $20,000 of assessed value set by the Town Council during its annual budget deliberations.
4. All other vehicles which do not meet the definition of "qualifying" (business use vehicles, farm use vehicles, motor homes, etc.) will not be eligible for personal property tax relief under PPTRA.

PASSED THIS 14th DAY OF APRIL 2026.

_____
Harry L. Arnold, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
Erecka L. Gibson, Vice Mayor

AN ORDINANCE

Adopting the Town of Berryville Schedule of Water and Sewer Fees and Charges

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of Town of Berryville, in accordance with Berryville Code Chapter 17, Water, Sewers and Sewerage Disposal, that it hereby adopts the following Schedule of Water and Sewer Fees and Charges:

TOWN OF BERRYVILLE
SCHEDULE OF WATER AND SEWER FEES AND CHARGES
Effective June 18, 2026

I. USER FEES

A. WATER

1. Within corporate limits or the limits of an approved annexation area: $11.62 per 1,000 gallons of usage. Minimum charge $8.72 per month for usage under 1,000 gallons during billing period.

2. Other: $14.53 per 1,000 gallons of usage. Minimum charge $10.90 per month for usage under 1,000 gallons during billing period.

B. SEWER

1. Within corporate limits or the limits of an approved annexation area: $18.31 per 1,000 gallons of usage. Minimum charge $13.73 per month for usage under 1,000 gallons during billing period.

2. Other: $22.89 per 1,000 gallons of usage. Minimum charge $17.17 per month for usage under 1,000 gallons during billing period.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE AND FACILITIES FEES AND DEPOSITS

A. ADMINISTRATIVE AND FACILITIES FEES

Monthly Administrative and Facilities Fees, charged with usage:

Water $24.35

Sewer $12.18

Late Fee: 10% of bill amount

Service Disconnection/Reconnection Fee: $50

Returned Check/ACH Fee: $50

B. DEPOSITS

Residential: individually metered single-family units, town homes, and duplexes: $315

Residential: multi-family with master meter: $260 per unit

Business/Commercial excluding restaurants and laundries: $315

Restaurant: $910*

Laundry: $4,635*

Institutional: $1,655*

Industrial: $5,675*

*Town Manager may increase or decrease on the basis of actual usage.

Note: Town Manager may establish reasonable deposit amounts for use types not

anticipated by this schedule.

III. AVAILABILITY FEES

A. WATER

Meter Size (Inches)	Demand Ratio	Avail. Fee (Corp. Limits or Annex. Area)	Avail. Fee (Other)	Meter Cost
5/8	1	$17,750	$22,188	Meter Fee
3/4	1.5	$26,625	$33,282	Meter Fee
1	2.5	$44,375	$55,470	Meter Fee
1.5	4.375	$77,656	$97,073	Meter Fee
2	8	$142,000	$177,504	Meter Fee
3	16	$284,000	$355,008	Meter Fee
4	25	$443,750	$554,700	Meter Fee
6	50	$887,500	$1,109,400	Meter Fee

Greater than 6", Demand Ratio (AWWA M22) multiplied by fee for Demand Ratio 1.

Notes:

(a) Multi-family residences are defined as any master-metered group of apartment, townhouse, condominium, or other residential units with each unit having separate kitchen facilities.

(b) In cases in which a master meter serves multi-family residences or a combination of multi-family and commercial units, the applicant will pay a fee based on the higher of A) an amount derived by multiplying .8 by the applicable water availability fee for demand ratio 1 times the total number of residential and commercial units to be served by a single meter, or B) an amount based on the meter size as specified above.

(c) Meter fee is calculated by adding the cost of the meter and a 30% (of meter cost) handling fee.

B. SEWER

Meter Size (Inches)	Demand Ratio	Avail. Fee (Corp. Limits or Annex. Area)	Avail. Fee (Other)
5/8	1	$19,059	$23,824
3/4	1.5	$28,589	$35,736
1	2.5	$47,648	$59,560
1.5	4.375	$83,383	$104,230
2	8	$152,472	$190,592
3	16	$304,944	$381,184
4	25	$476,475	$595,600
6	50	$952,950	$1,191,200

Greater than 6", Demand Ratio (AWWA M22) multiplied by fee for Demand Ratio

IV. LATERAL OR CONNECTION FEES

Connection to the Town's water distribution and/or sewer collection system may be completed only if the following conditions are met:

- Party applying to connect to the system agrees to assume all costs associated with connection to the systems, including excavation, taps, vaults, traffic control, restoration (including pavement), testing, inspections, etc.
- Contractor responsible for completing work has been vetted and approved by the Town.
- Plans for the work, including restoration, have been approved by the Town.
- Required surety has been approved and provided to the Town.
- Required insurance coverage is in place and documentation thereof provided to the Town.
- Required permits have been issued by the Town, Virginia Department of Transportation, or another applicable agency.

V. INSPECTIONS

A. Sanitary Sewer Camera Service and Storm Sewer Camera Inspection Service **

1. Mains and Laterals Over 4 Inches in Diameter

Mobilization Fee: $350

Camera Fee: $3.00 per linear foot

2. 4-Inch Laterals

Laterals Under 50 Feet in Length: $200

Laterals 50 Feet in Length or Greater: $200 plus $3.00 per linear foot

**** Service offered as workforce and equipment availability permits.**

B. Inspections

Town staff: $75 per hour (1 hour minimum for any inspection then billed at ½ hr. increments thereafter) ***

***** Service offered as workforce availability permits.**

Licensed professional engineer or approved third-party inspector: Cost

C. Hydrant Flow Tests

$75 per hour (1 hour minimum for any test then billed at ½ hr. increments thereafter) plus cost of water (includes water and sewer charges)

Notes:

Cleaning of lines will be required prior to camera use: Line cleaning is the responsibility of the applicant. If lines are not clean and camera crew must remobilize later to perform the inspection, a second mobilization fee will be charged.

Hydrant flow tests: Hydrant flow tests must be scheduled with the Director of Public Works no less than three work days in advance of test. Contractor will supply gauges and will be responsible for recording results. Town personnel will operate hydrant.

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VOTE:

Recorded Vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent During Meeting:

SIGNED_____ Date: April 14, 2026
Harry Lee Arnold, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: _____ Date: April 14, 2026
Erecka L. Gibson, Vice Mayor

AN ORDINANCE
Repealing and readopting Appendix C of the Berryville Code – Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance

APPENDIX C
EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ORDINANCE

Sec. 1. Purpose and Authority.

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to Code of Virginia §62.1-44.15:51 et seq. and the Virginia Erosion and Stormwater Management Regulations (9VAC25-875). The purpose of this ordinance is to prevent erosion, protect water quality, and ensure compliance with the Virginia Erosion and Stormwater Management Program (VESMP).

Sec. 2. Adoption of State Standards

The Town adopts and incorporates by reference the Virginia Erosion and Stormwater Management Regulations (9VAC25-875). The *Virginia Stormwater Management Handbook* is adopted as technical guidance; enforceable standards remain statutory and regulatory.

Sec. 3. Applicability and Exemptions

This ordinance applies to all land-disturbing activities unless exempted under §62.1-44.15:34 and 9VAC25-875-40, including agricultural, silvicultural, small disturbance, and emergency exemptions.

Sec. 4. Definitions

Terms used in this ordinance shall have meanings assigned in §62.1-44.15:51 and 9VAC25-875-10, including ‘land-disturbing activity’, ‘responsible party’, and ‘agreement in lieu of a plan’.

Sec. 5. Program Authority and Administration

The Town is designated as a Virginia Erosion and Sediment Control Program (VESCP) Authority. The Program Administrator, acting on behalf of the Town, is authorized to approve plans, issue permits, inspect sites, enforce compliance, issue stop-work orders, and pursue legal remedies.

Sec. 6. Plan Submission and Approval

No land-disturbing activity may begin without approved erosion and sediment control plans or an agreement in lieu of a plan, as required by 9VAC25-875-60.

Sec. 7. Land-disturbing Permit Requirement

A Land-Disturbing Permit must be issued prior to clearing, grading, or excavation. Financial guarantees, proof of responsibility, and fees may be required.

Sec. 8. Fees

Fees shall be assessed pursuant to § 62.1-44.15:56 and shall recover reasonable administrative costs. A fee schedule shall be adopted by Town Council resolution.

Sec. 9. Inspections and Compliance Monitoring

The Erosion and Sediment Control Inspector (Inspector) or designee shall conduct inspections before, during, and after land disturbance. The responsible party shall allow site access and maintain inspection records.

Sec. 10. Enforcement Authority

The Program Administrator or Inspector, or designee, may issue violation notices, stop-work orders, require corrective action, perform work in default, and pursue civil penalties and injunctive relief.

Sec. 11. Civil Penalties

Civil penalties may be assessed pursuant to §62.1-44.15:63, including fines per violation per day and recovery of enforcement costs.

Sec. 12. Stop-Work Orders

Stop-work orders may be issued for permit violations, failed controls, or threats to water quality or public safety.

Sec.13. Appeals and Due Process

Appeals may be filed within 30 days of a decision, and reviewed by Town Council at their next regularly scheduled meeting, with rights to judicial review in Circuit Court.

Sec. 14. Financial Guarantees

The Program Administrator may require bonds or other financial security to ensure stabilization and compliance.

Sec. 15. Program Evaluation and Reporting

The Program Administrator shall maintain the program and submit required reports.

Sec. 16. Severability

If any provision of this ordinance is invalid, remaining provisions shall remain in effect.

Sec. 17. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption by Town Council.

VOTE:

Recorded Vote:

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstain:

Absent During Meeting:

SIGNED_____ Date: April 14, 2026
Harry Lee Arnold, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: _____ Date: April 14, 2026
Erecka L. Gibson, Vice Mayor

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Section 3

Water Mains and Appurtenances

I. General

A. This section includes construction of distribution system mains, service laterals, and other associated appurtenances as well as testing and disinfection requirements. All regulations, standards, and established best practices as determined by Town Engineer and Director of Public Works must be applied.

B. All mains shall be cement mortar lined ductile iron with a minimum diameter of six (6) inches. The pipe shall have rubber gasket push-on joints and all fittings shall be mechanical joint except as approved by the Town. Where special fabrication of ductile iron pipe is required to fit water mains within vaults, structures, and buildings, the Contractor shall submit fully dimensioned drawings showing the piping in full detail with exact locations, dimensions, and schedules of all pipe, fittings, hangers, supports, and appurtenances before starting fabrication of the pipe and/or fittings. Where special fittings are required, they shall be shown in detail with all necessary dimensions. The design of such installations shall provide adequate space within the housing and around the fittings to allow easy disassembly of pipe sections or other appurtenances.

C. Water mains shall be located a minimum of three (3) feet from the gutter of the streets with curb and gutter, or three (3) feet within the pavement edge of streets without curb and gutter. Whenever practical, sewer mains shall be located in the center of the street.

D. A minimum ten (10) foot horizontal separation (outside to outside), or six (6) feet horizontal separation with at least eighteen (18) inches' vertical separation from bottom of water to top of sewer, shall be provided between all water lines and sanitary sewer lines. Should conditions require the water and sewer lines to be installed in the same trench, the water line must rest on a shelf of undisturbed earth to one side of the sewer with at least eighteen (18) inches of vertical separation between the top of the sewer line and bottom of the water line. Approval from the Town Engineer and Director of Public Works must be acquired before same trench installation is permitted.

E. Typical minimum cover of four (4) feet is to be provided for water mains. For short distances, reduced cover of as little as three (3) feet may be approved so as to preclude locating water below a crossing utility.

II. Mains

A. Ductile Iron Pipe

1. Ductile iron pipe shall be manufactured in accordance with ANSI A21.51/ AWWA C151. All pipe shall have a minimum Class 52 thickness.

2. End designs shall conform to the ANSI/AWWA C 111/ A21.11 – "Rubber Gasket Joints Ductile Iron and Gray Iron Pressure Pipe and Fittings". Push-on joints shall be "Tyton," "Super Bell Tite" or "Fast-Tite" joint**,** or approved equal.

3. The inside of the pipe shall be cement lined in accordance with ANSI/AWWA C 104/ A21.

4. Flanged connections shall only be permitted where indicated on construction plans and pre-approved by the Town, and shall conform to ANSI/AWWA C115/A21.15.

B. Backfill and Bedding

1. Select Backfill
    a. There shall be 24 inches of select backfill above the stone aggregate which shall be compacted in eight-inch lifts. The maximum particle size of the material shall be no greater than one (1) inch and shall be compacted to 95% of maximum density.
    b. Above the select backfill, material shall be deposited in lifts not to exceed two (2) feet, and have a compaction to 95% of maximum density.
    c. A six (6) inch wide magnetized locating ribbon labeled "WATER LINE BURIED BELOW" shall be placed above the select fill.
    d. No rock shall be used in the select backfill. Any rock used *above* the select backfill shall be no larger than six (6) inches in diameter.
    e. A #12-gauge wire shall be placed next to the PVC (C909) line during installation of the main. This wire must maintain positive continuity at all times.

2. Stone Bedding

    1. For excavation in dirt or clay, there must be six (6) inches of stone under and over the pipe.

    2. For excavation through rock, there shall be twelve (12) inches of stone under and over pipe in rock trenches.

C. Fittings

1. All fittings shall be cast of ductile iron, and shall conform to ANSI/AWWA C153/A21.53. Fittings shall be made with mechanical joint ends in accordance with ANSI/AWWA C 111/A21.11.

2. A sufficient number of bolts, nuts, glands, and gaskets shall be provided for each fitting. These accessories shall be of the proper dimensions for the size pipe. The bolts shall be made of high strength low alloy steel in accordance with ANSI/AWWA C 111/ A21.11.

3. The cement lining shall conform to ANSI/AWWA C 104/A21.4.

III. Handling Ductile Iron Pipe and Fittings

A. It shall be the responsibility of the pipe manufacturer to thoroughly inspect each length of pipe according to the applicable ANSI and AWWA standards and other requirements as set forth in these specifications.

B. Ductile iron pipe, fittings, valves, and accessories shall be handled in strict accordance with the provisions of ANSI/AWWA C 600, so as to ensure that these items are sound, undamaged, and entirely suitable in all aspects to the specified requirements of each particular fitting, pipe, and accessory. Particular care shall be taken not to injure either the coating, the pipe, or threads. Equipment, tools, and methods used in loading, reloading, unloading, hauling, and laying pipe and fittings shall be such that no damage is done to the pipe, fittings, or coatings. Where hooks are used for lifting, they shall have broad, well-padded contact surfaces. Repair of defective or damaged coatings or linings shall be made under the direct supervision of a representative of the pipe manufacturer. No field repair work may be done on any damaged pipe coating or lining without the prior approval of the Director of Public Works and Town Engineer. Any bituminous pipe coating that is damaged by shipment or by the Contractor shall be repaired prior to installation or placing of any backfill or hanging within hangers. Repairs shall be made by removing all damaged coating, then wire brushing to expose the metal and applying two coats of coal tar coating material of a type and quality equal to that used originally for the bituminous coating of the pipe.

C. The cutting of pipe for closure pieces or for other reasons shall be done in a neat and workmanlike manner by a method that will not damage the pipe or its lining. Sections shall be thoroughly swabbed or cleaned of all foreign matter before being installed into the system and shall be kept clean during and after installation. Before installation of any pipe or fitting, each piece shall be inspected for defects. All defective, damaged, or unsound pipe or fittings shall be rejected.

IV. Installation

A. Pipe laying shall be conducted in strict accordance with the provisions of ANSI/AWWA C 600. The lay shall proceed with the bell end of the pipe pointing in the direction of the next pipe joint to be laid. Each pipe shall be laid true to line and grade and in such manner as to form a close concentric joint with the adjoining pipe and to prevent sudden offsets of the flow line. Proper precautions shall be taken to keep the interior of the pipe free of all dirt and superfluous materials of every description as the work progresses.

B. Trenches shall be kept free from water until the pipe jointing is complete. At all times when work is not in progress, open ends of pipe and fittings shall be securely closed to the satisfaction of the Town so that no trench water, earth, or other substance will enter the pipe or fittings. Adequate backfill shall be deposited on the pipe to prevent floating. Any pipe which has floated shall be removed from the trench and be re-laid.

C. All tees, bends, and dead ends shall be restrained by means of concrete blocking and be installed with Megalug™ retainer gland or approved equal.

D. ScotchMark Electronic Marker System (EMS 1257) or approved equal shall be included with the installation of all water mains. The markers shall respond to a frequency of 145.7 kHz, with placement as follows:

1. 50-foot intervals on mains, and

2. Each bend, and

3. The end on each joint that is deflected and each “T”, and

4. Any additional location directed by the Town of Berryville.

E. A six (6) inch wide magnetized location ribbon labeled ”WATER LINE BURIED BELOW” shall be installed above the select backfill.

F. A #12 gauge wire shall be placed next to all main lines and service laterals. The wire shall maintain continuity at all times.

V. Separation of Water Lines and Sewers

A. General – The following factors shall be considered in providing adequate separation:

1. Materials and types of joints for water and sewer pipes.

2. Service branch connections into the water line and sewer lines.

3. Space for repairs and alterations of water and sewer pipes.

4. Avoiding offset of pipes around manholes.

B. A minimum ten (10) foot horizontal separation (outside to outside), or six (6) feet horizontal separation with at least eighteen (18) inches' vertical separation from bottom of water to top of sewer, shall be provided between all water lines and sanitary sewer lines. Should conditions require the water and sewer lines to be installed in the same trench, the water line must rest on a shelf of undisturbed earth to one side of the sewer with at least eighteen (18) inches of vertical separation between the top of the sewer line and bottom of the water line. Approval from the Town Engineer and Director of Public Works must be acquired before same trench installation is permitted.

C. Parallel Installation

1. Normal Conditions – Water lines shall be laid at least ten (10) feet horizontally from a sewer or sewer manhole wherever possible. The distance shall be measured edge-to-edge.

2. Unusual Conditions – When local conditions prevent a horizontal separation of ten (10) feet, the water line may be laid closer to a sewer or sewer manhole provided that:
   a. The bottom (invert) of the water main shall be at least eighteen (18) inches above the top (crown) of the sewer. Should conditions require the water and sewer lines to be installed in the same trench, the water line must rest on a shelf of undisturbed earth to one side of the sewer with at least eighteen (18) inches of vertical separation between the top of the sewer line and bottom of the water line. Approval from the Town Engineer and Director of Public Works must be acquired before same trench installation is permitted.
   b. The sewer manhole shall be of watertight construction and tested in place.
   c. Where vertical separation of at least eighteen (18) inches cannot be maintained between the bottom of the waterline and the top of the sewer, the sewer line shall be constructed of water pipe conforming to AWWA C 900 and shall be pressure tested in place, as specified in AWWA standard C 600, with a minimum test pressure of 30 pounds per square inch (psi). Leakage is not permitted during the AWWA C600 pressure testing.
   d. When sanitary sewers cross over water lines, the sewer joints must also be centered at the point of crossing so that joints are equidistant and as far as possible from the water line.
   e. Sewer Manholes and Drainage Structures –-A minimum of ten (10) feet of separation shall be provided between water pipes and sanitary sewer manholes. Where this distance cannot be maintained, the manhole shall be of watertight construction and tested in place. A minimum of six (6)

feet of separation shall be maintained between sewer manholes and drainage structures.

D. Crossings

1. Normal Conditions – Water lines crossing sanitary and storm sewers shall be laid to provide a separation of at least eighteen (18) inches between the bottom of the water line and the top of the sewer.

2. Unusual Conditions – When local conditions prevent a vertical separation as described, or where waterline must cross below sanitary sewers, the sewer line shall be constructed of water pipe conforming to AWWA C 900 and shall be pressure tested in place, as specified in AWWA standard C 600, with a minimum test pressure of 30 psi. Water lines passing under sewers shall, in addition, be protected by providing:
    a. A vertical separation of at least 24 inches between the bottom of the sanitary sewer and the top of the water line.
    b. Adequate structural support for the sewer to prevent excessive deflection of the joints and the settling on and breaking of the water line.
    c. The length of the water line be centered at the point of the crossing so that joints shall be equidistant and as far as possible from the sewer.
    d. When conditions do not allow for water lines to pass over storm sewers, a minimum of eighteen (18) inches clearance shall be maintained from top of water line to bottom of storm sewer.
    e. If conditions do not allow for separation during installation around existing structures, bridging or other methods of protecting water quality and pipe integrity may be submitted and considered for approval by the Town Engineer and Director of Public Works. New construction must maintain required separations.

3. Stream crossing and highway crossings shall be installed as shown in the *Standard Details* unless otherwise specified. The crossing shall be made in such a manner to minimize erosion and blockage of the stream flow. Backfill under rip-rap shall be compacted to 90% density.

VI. Testing and Disinfection of Water Lines

A. General

The Contractor will supply the water used for flushing, disinfection, and testing. Town water may be available on a case-by-case basis with prior approval from the Director of Utilities and Director of Public Works. If Town water is used, the water shall be metered and the contractor shall pay the Town for its cost. Filling of water lines may not be performed until permission has been obtained from the Director of Public Works and Director of Utilities. The contractor is not permitted to operate valves on any existing water line.

B. Testing

1. All new water mains and hydrant connections shall be subject to a hydrostatic pressure test after thrust restraints have been installed, the line has been backfilled, all water house connections have been installed (lateral from main to meter box), and at least three (3) days after the last concrete reaction anchor has been poured. Testing shall be in accordance with AWWA C-600. Water mains shall be filled with clean water at a velocity of approximately one (1) foot per second (fps) while necessary measures are taken to eliminate all air. A hydrostatic pressure of not less than 150 psi or 150% of normal operating pressure, whichever is greater, shall be maintained for two (2) hours. Lines of different sizes shall be tested separately. Hydrants shall be in the closed position. All high points in the portion of the system under test shall be vented and air shall be expelled from the system prior to beginning the test.

2. At the conclusion of the pressure test, the volume of the makeup water required to refill the pipeline shall be determined by measurement with a displacement meter or by pumping from a vessel of known volume.

3. All visible leakage must be eliminated by the contractor, regardless of the amount. Should test results show displacement, damage, or leakage in excess of the allowable amount (see table below for representative values), the contractor shall repair the displacement and damage to eliminate the leakage. The contractor shall retest until the specified conditions are met to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Works and Town Engineer.

Allowable Leakage per 1,000 feet of Pipeline – gph
Nominal Pipe Diameter – in

Psi	4	6	8	10	12	16
250	0.47	0.71	0.95	1.19	1.42	1.90
225	0.45	0.68	0.90	1.13	1.35	1.80
200	0.43	0.64	0.85	1.06	1.28	1.70
175	0.40	0.59	0.80	0.99	1.19	1.59
150	0.37	0.55	0.74	0.92	1.10	1.47

The above table is presented for convenience only. Please refer to AWWA C600 for complete up-to-date table.

C. Disinfection

1. After leakage testing, and before final inspection of the completed systems, water mains shall be flushed and then disinfected in accordance with ANSI/AWWA C-651 standards. All disinfection procedures and final testing

shall be carried out under the observation of a utility inspector approved by the Town. Either the tablet method or continuous feed method shall be used.

a) The tablet method can only be used if the pipes and appurtenances are kept clean and dry during construction. The mains should be filled at the rate of one (1) fps or less. Water must remain in the main for a minimum of 24 hours when the water temperature is 41° Fahrenheit (5° Celsius) or more. If the water temperature drops below this then the water must remain a minimum of 48 hours. A detectable chlorine residual should be found at each sampling point after the prescribed contact time.

b) If the continuous feed method is to be used, pre-flushing shall be accomplished at a flow velocity of not less than 2.5 fps. All valves, hydrants, and water house connection shall be operated during this procedure. Clean water shall be flushed throughout the system until there is no trace of cuttings, oil, dirt, or other foreign matter flowing out of the pipe. The water shall be chlorinated so that after the 24 hour contact time, a free chlorine residual of not less than ten (10) parts-per-million (ppm) is maintained.

2. Final flushing will occur as soon as practically possible after the required contact time to prevent damage to the pipe lining or to prevent damage. When the chlorine residual has been reduced to within the range of 0.2 and 2.0 ppm, bacteriological samples can be collected.

3. Water samples for bacteriological analysis shall be taken by the contractor at regular intervals not exceeding 2,000 feet, as approved by the Town Engineer and Director of Public Works, witnessed by the utility inspector, and analyzed by a certified laboratory. Two satisfactory bacteriological samples, collected 24 hours apart, must be obtained prior to placing the lines in service. Satisfactory samples are those that indicate no presence of coliform bacteria. If contamination is found in one or both sets of samples, the entire disinfection and bacteriological sampling procedure must be repeated.

4. Water flushed from the mains will have to be dechlorinated with a neutralizing chemical to prevent environmental damage. The recommended neutralizing chemicals and procedural guidelines for dechlorination are explained in ANSI/AWWA C-651 standards. The contractor shall be responsible for the proper application of the neutralizing chemicals to reduce the chlorine residual to a non-detectable level. The contractor shall assume full responsibility for the discharge of all water used during any flushing, and shall be responsible for any damage to public or private property or environmental damage including, but not limited to, vegetation, trees, streams, ponds, and lakes.

VII. Service Laterals

A. General

1. All material used shall meet or exceed ANSI/AWWA C800 standards.

2. All taps made on ductile iron mains shall be made direct, without a saddle, unless otherwise specified or approved by the Town Engineer and Director of Public Works.

3. Where applicable, and when tapping PVC mains, a Ford Style FS202 or approved equal shall be used.

4. All water services shall be installed as shown in Specification Detail section.

5. Service lines shall be type 200 psi HDPE copper tubing sized piping conforming to ANSI/ASTM standard specifications. The line shall be one continuous piece from corporation stop to meter setter and the line will be equal to the size of the corporation stop. Line must be accompanied by a twelve-gauge copper tracer wire.

6. Meter boxes will be exterior and set on the street side at the property line, unless otherwise approved by the Director of Public Works.

B. ¾-Inch Water Service

1. Corporation stop shall be ¾ inch ball style and conforming to the requirements of the AWWA Standards. Connection at the corporation stop shall be compression type.

2. The meter box shall be eighteen (18) inches in diameter, and 30 inches in depth, with an eighteen (18) inch diameter frame and eleven and a half (11½) inch diameter lid. The frame and lid shall be made of cast iron and lid shall include the FP cast iron plug where applicable.

3. The meter setter shall consist of a copper setter, inlet angle valve, and outlet angle ASSE approved top loading dual check valve.

C. One (1) Inch Water Service

1. Corporation stop shall be one (1) inch ball style and conform to the requirements of ANSI/AWWA Standards. Connection at the corporation stop shall be compression type.

2. The meter box shall be eighteen (18) inches in diameter and 30 inches in depth, with an eighteen (18) inch diameter frame and eleven and a half (11½) inch diameter lid. The frame and lid shall be made of cast iron and lid shall include the FP cast iron plug where applicable.

3. The meter setter shall consist of a copper setter, inlet angle valve, and outlet angle ASSE approved top loading dual check valves

D. 1½ and Two (2) Inch Water Services

1. Service shall be taken off the main by means of a wet tap or an anchoring tee, with a six (6) inch branch and a six (6) inch branch valve. A tapped mechanical joint plug shall be used in the downstream side of this valve, with a male IPT to compression adapter. Connection at the corporation stop shall be compression type.

2. The meter shall be set in a custom box with a custom meter setter consisting of a flanged angle valve on the inlet and an ASSE approved dual check valve on the outlet. The setter shall include a bypass with ball valve and locking cap.

3. Meter vault shall conform to the dimensions shown in the Standard Details, or as approved by the Town Director of Public Works.

VIII. Backflow Prevention Assemblies

A. Each metered service connection must have an ASSE approved backflow prevention device installed for service line protection. The Town Director of Public Works and Director of Utilities must approve the type of device submitted based on the degree of hazard of the planned use.

1. Metered service lines with a low degree of hazard must be provided with a double-check valve backflow prevention assembly that is tagged, stamped, or embossed to indicate it meets ASSE Standard No. 1015.

2. Metered service lines with a high degree of hazard must be provided with a reduced pressure zone device that is tagged, stamped, or embossed to indicate it does meet ASSE Standard No. 1013.

3. Backflow prevention devises that require yearly inspection must be installed above grade and/or in a location not subject to flooding. The location of a backflow prevention devise in to be approved by the Town's Director of Utilities.

B. Each fire line service connection must have an ASSE approved backflow prevention device with leak detector installed for fire service line protection. The Town Director of Public Works and Director of Utilities must approve the type of device submitted based on degree of hazard of the planned fire service.

1. Fire lines with a low degree of hazard (no additives or antifreeze) must be provided with a detector double check backflow prevention assembly with ASSE Standard No. 1048 identification made part of the device.

2. Fire lines with a high degree of hazard (additives or antifreeze) must be provided with a reduced pressure assembly with ASSE Standard No. 1047 identification made part of the device.

C. All detector (metered) assemblies are required to have a meter that is compatible with the Town's meter reading device.

D. All backflow prevention devices must be inspected annually by the owner and a report submitted to the Town's Director of Utilities for review. Residential premises without secondary uses, exclusive of multifamily that present a low degree of hazard (no additives or anti-freeze), are not required to submit annual reports.

IX. Acceptance of Improvements

A. A written request to the Director of Public Works is required for necessary inspections for acceptance of improvements. The request shall include as-built drawings, easements, and other pertinent information as deemed necessary by the Department of Public Works and the Town's Engineer. A response from the Department of Public Works and Community Development Director after review will be forwarded to the applicant outlining deficiencies or for approval of the project.

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Section 4

Valves and Hydrants

I. General

A. All regulations, standards, and established best practices as determined by Town Engineer and Director of Public Works must be applied.

B. Valve or hydrant manufacturer shall be regularly engaged in the design, manufacture, and maintenance of valves or hydrants of the type specified, and shall have furnished valves or hydrants of the same general design, type, and comparable size specified herein, which have been used and proved satisfactory under similar test, service, and operating conditions for at least five years. The manufacturer shall furnish satisfactory evidence of adequate facilities for furnishing parts for repairs and for maintenance of the hydrants or valves furnished. Unless otherwise indicated, valves shall be designed to provide tight shut-off at the following pressure differential: 250 pounds per square inch (psi) upstream and zero psi downstream in either direction. Design flows shall be a minimum fifteen (15) feet per second (fps) for opening and closing.

C. All valves furnished through twelve (12) inches shall be resilient wedge-valves with non-rising stems. Valves larger than twelve (12) inches shall be butterfly type unless otherwise required by the Town Engineer and Director of Public Works.

D. A valve box shall be provided for each buried valve. Boxes shall be screw type. Telescoping type are prohibited. Extension stems shall be provided for valves where the operating nut is greater than four feet (4'-0") below grade. The stem shall extend to a minimum of two feet (2'-0") below finished grade.

E. Unless otherwise specified herein, four (4) inch and larger valves and all hydrants shall have mechanical joint ends**.**

II. Gate Valves

A. General

1. Gate Valves shall be manufactured to meet or exceed all the requirements of ANSI/AWWA C509-01 or ANSI/AWWA C515 Standard for resilient wedge ductile iron gate valves.

2. The manufacturer must provide a ten (10) year warranty against defective material and workmanship.

III. Specifications

A. Valves shall meet the following minimum design criteria:

1. Valve body shall be manufactured of ductile iron and have a working pressure of 250 psi.

2. All ferrous components shall be ductile iron: body, wrench nut, stuffing box, and valve wedge.

3. The marking “DI” or “ductile iron” shall be cast into the valve body along with “250W” or “250 psi”.

4. The valve wedge shall be ductile iron encapsulated with nitrite rubber. The wedge shall be symmetrical and seal equally well with flow in either direction.

5. Valves shall have a fusion-bonded epoxy coating complying with ANSI/AWWA C550 Standard applied electrostatically prior to assembly, inside and out, for maximum corrosion resistance.

6. The valve shall have a smooth full diameter waterway with no recesses to trap debris or obstruct flow.

7. Valve stem shall be high strength corrosion resistant bronze. Stem shall be sealed by three O-rings. The top two O-rings shall be replaceable with valve fully open and while subject to full rated working pressure. O-rings set in a cartridge shall not be allowed.

8. Sealing gaskets shall be pressure energized O-rings.

9. Torque minimizing thrust washers must be installed with one (1) above and one (1) below the thrust collar to assure trouble free operation of the valve.

10. Valves shall conform to UL Solutions and Factory Mutual Research Corporation standards.

11. Bolting materials shall develop the physical strength requirements of ASTM A307 Standard, and may have either regular square or hexagonal heads with dimensions conforming to ANSI B18.2.1 Standard. Metric size socket head cap screws are not allowed. Bolts and nuts securing valve bonnets, stems, and operating nuts shall be stainless steel.

12. Operating nut shall have four flats at stem connection to assure even input torque to the stem.

13. Flanged valves shall be OS&Y 125-pound flanges. The manufacturer shall be able to furnish 250-pound flanges upon request.

B. Installation

1. Valves shall be carefully erected in their respective positions and free from all distortion and strain with stems vertical. The valve box shall be set over the operating nut and shall have its top flush with the final surface. The valve box top section shall overlap the lower section by at least six (6) inches.

2. Restraint of valves shall be performed by the Contractor in accordance with the Standard Details or as specified by the Director of Public Works and the Town Engineer.

3. Where valves occur on the end of the pipeline, a mechanical joint plug shall be placed and secured in the exposed bell before backfilling the trench.

4. The contractor shall backfill and compact under and around valve boxes to ensure no vertical loads are transmitted to the valve operators.

5. All valves shall be installed with Megalug™ retainer gland or approved equal.

IV. Tapping Sleeves

A. Mechanical joint tapping sleeves meet the following design criteria:

1. Sleeves shall be the split type mechanical joint with side and end gaskets, manufactured of ductile iron.

2. Sleeves shall conform to all applicable requirements of ANSI/AWWA C110 A21.10, ANSI/AWWA C111 A21.11, and ANSI B16.11 Class 125 flange.

3. When sleeves are to be installed on pipe that is larger than twelve (12) inches, field verification by the contractor of the existing pipes outside diameter shall be required before ordering said sleeve.

4. Stainless steel tapping sleeves will be considered where the existing main is PVC pipe or cast iron of irregular outside diameter.

V. Fire Hydrants

A. General

1. Fire hydrants shall be the dry-barrel type manufactured to meet or exceed all the requirements of ANSI/AWWA C502 Standard.

2. Drainage capability must be provided for fire hydrant weep holes. If areas of high water table are encountered, the contractor shall contact the Director of Public Works or the Town Engineer to relocate the hydrant to prevent possible cross contamination.

3. Fire hydrants shall be painted in accordance with *Standard Details*.

4. The manufacturer must provide a ten (10) year warranty against defective material and workmanship.

5. Fire hydrants shall be located as follows:
   a. At street intersections and at intermediate locations where deemed necessary by the Town Engineer and the Director of Public Works and/or the State Fire Marshall's Office after consultation with the Fire Chief.
   b. At the end of all cul-de-sacs in a location determined by the Town If a hydrant is determined to be unnecessary by the Director of Public Works and the Town Engineer, a "blow-off" shall be installed.
   c. No closer than 50 feet and no further away than 100 feet of any standpipe or sprinkler system fire department connections.
   d. As required by the following schedule according to use group. The distance shall be measured along an unobstructed path around the structure to the most remote part of the structure that the hydrant will serve.

Industrial Buildings	250 feet
School Buildings	300 feet
Commercial, Church and Office Buildings	350 feet
Apartments, Multifamily, and Town Houses	250 feet
Single-Family Detached and Two-Family Attached Dwellings	400 feet

   e. All hydrants shall be a minimum of 50 feet away from any buildings other than single-family detached and two-family attached dwellings unless deemed appropriate by the Town Superintendent.

f. In no case shall the distance between fire hydrants, measured along the centerline of accessible streets, be greater than 600 feet.

6. No landscaping shall be permitted within five (5) feet of a fire hydrant, with the "no landscape" area indicated on the plat.

7. Steel hydrant marker flags shall be installed by the developer and approved by the Director of Public Works. Flags shall be a red solid steel rod, 52" long, equipped with a steel flag and a mounting loop compliant with NST outlets.

B. Specifications

Hydrants shall meet the following minimum design criteria:

1. Hydrant shall have a rated working pressure of 200 psi with a test pressure of 400 psi.

2. The main valve closure shall be of the compression type, opening against the pressure and closing with the pressure.

3. Traffic feature to be designed so that the nozzle section of the hydrant can be rotated (by degree) to a full 360° circle during field installations, if necessary.

4. The main valve opening shall not be less than 5 ¼" and be designed so that seat, drain valve mechanism, internal rod, and all working parts can be removed through the top of the hydrant without disturbing the ground line joint or the nozzle section of the hydrant.

5. The bronze seat shall be threaded into mating threads of bronze for easy field removal.

6. The draining system of the hydrant shall be bronze and activated by the main stem without the use of auxiliary rods, toggles, pins, etc. The drain mechanism shall be completely closed after no more than three turns of the operating nut, allowing throttling of the hydrant as needed. A minimum of two inside ports and four drain port outlets must be provided to ensure positive drainage when closed. Drain shut-offs shall be by direct compression closure.

7. The operating nut, main stem, coupling, and main valve assembly shall be capable of withstanding input torque of 200 ft/lbs in opening or closing directions.

8. There shall be an internal top housing with triple O-rings to seal operating threads from the waterway and accommodate an antifriction washer.

9. Nozzle sections of the hydrant shall be designed to permit field replacement of damaged threads without special tools, excavation, or disturbing the ground

line joint. Bronze nozzles are to be locked into the hydrant barrel with locking lugs and be sealed by heavy duty O-rings. The operating nut size, as well as hose and pumper threads, shall conform to National Standard Specifications.

10. Hydrants shall conform to UL Solutions UL 246 standards and Factory Mutual Research Corporation standards.

11. The maximum friction loss through the hydrant shall not exceed 2.8 psi at 1000 gallons per minutes (gpm) through the pumper nozzle. The flow test and certification of this feature shall be conducted by an independent testing laboratory, and be in accordance with ANSI/AWWA C502-94 standard. The records of all tests performed shall be made available to the Town upon request.

12. The standard depth of bury shall be a minimum of four (4) feet to a maximum of seven (7) feet without the use of extensions. When the water main is deeper than the standard depth, the use of quarter and eighth bends between the tee at the main and the fire hydrant will be required to bring it to the proper grade.

C. Installation

1. Fire hydrants shall be installed in accordance with the Standard Details, where indicated on the plans, set plumb, and with bury line at finished grade. The pumper outlet shall face the street.

2. Bollards shall be installed as shown on plans or as directed by the Town.

3. Every effort shall be made to avoid the use of barrel extensions, and such extensions shall only be used when approved on a case-by-case basis by the Director of Public Works and the Town Engineer.

4. A six (6) inch valve shall be provided in the lead of each hydrant. This valve shall be restrained to the main by an anchoring tee or anchoring coupling. Where a hydrant is used to terminate the main, restraint of this valve shall be by means of a dead-end anchor cast around the main.

5. All privately owned hydrants shall have stenciled on the hydrant the word “PRIVATE” to identify the unit as a privately owned hydrant. The stenciling shall be sized and placed to be easily seen from the direction of hydrant access.

6. Hydrants shall be located no more than ten (10) feet from the face of curb and at least ten (10) feet from any entrance or driveway.

7. Prior to acceptance, hydrants shall be flow tested under Town supervision to assure compliance with the *Town of Berryville Construction Standards*

Manual. The flow report shall be submitted to the Town Engineer and the Director of Public Works for review and approval.

TREE CITY USA®
An Arbor Day Foundation Program

Official Proclamation

Whereas, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

Whereas, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

Whereas, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

Whereas, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

Whereas, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products; and

Whereas, trees in our town increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

Whereas trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Berryville does hereby proclaim May 2, 2026 as Arbor Day in the Town of Berryville.

Town Council urges all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and urge all citizens to plant trees to promote the well-being of this and future generations.

By order of the Town Council this 14th day of April, 2026.

Harry Lee Arnold, Jr., Mayor

Erecka L. Gibson, Vice Mayor

RESOLUTION

INITIATION OF ZONING TEXT AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 509, AMENDMENTS WITH PROFFERED CONDITIONS, OF THE BERRYVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, Section 509 of the Berryville Zoning Ordinance incorrectly references Title 15.1 of the Code of Virginia, which is no longer in effect; and

WHEREAS, Section 509 provides that the Town Council may consider reasonable conditions to be applied to a rezoning amendment; and

WHEREAS, Section 509 provides for the acceptance of voluntary proffered conditions; and

WHEREAS, Code of Virginia, Title 15.2-2298, is the appropriate section to be referenced; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that the public necessity, convenience, general welfare and good zoning practice require amending the Zoning Ordinance to properly reference the Code of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, by authority granted in Code of Virginia Title 15.2-2286(A)(7), the Town Council may amend, supplement, or change the zoning regulations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Code of Virginia Title 15.2-2286(A)(7)(i) and Berryville Zoning Ordinance Section 508.2, such amendments may be initiated by resolution of the Town Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Code of Virginia Title 15.2-2285(B), no zoning ordinance shall be amended or reenacted unless the governing body has referred it to its planning commission for its recommendations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council does hereby initiate a zoning text amendment to correct references to the Code of Virginia; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council does hereby direct staff to prepare a draft ordinance to that effect; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council does hereby refer the proposed zoning text amendments to the Planning Commission for its recommendations; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Community Development Director is directed to advertise a public hearing of the Town Council on the proposed amendments in accordance with the requirements of Code of Virginia Title 15.2-2204, to be held on May 12, 2026.

By order of the Town Council this 14th day of April, 2026

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Harry Lee Arnold, Jr., Mayor **Erecka L. Gibson, Vice-Mayor**