MINUTES
BERRYVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
Public Hearing Meeting
April 29, 2025
7:00 p.m.

A Public Hearing of the Berryville Town Council was held on Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at 7:00 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; Diane Harrison; Grant Mazzarino; Ryan Tibbens.

Absent: None

Staff

Present: Keith Dalton, Town Manager; Brandel Kelsey, Town Clerk; Cindy Poulin, Treasurer

Press None

1. Call to Order
Mayor Arnold called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

3. Approval of Agenda
Mrs. Harrison moved to approve the agenda as presented.
The motion passed by voice vote.

5. Public Hearings

Annual Tax Rates 4.17.2025

Mr. Dalton explained the rate changes as follows:
- 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;
- 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;
- A tax rate of $1.30 per $100 assessed valuation on tangible machinery and tools located in the Town of Berryville.

Mr. Dalton explained that the Council also had before it a resolution that would establish the PPTRA Reduction at 49%

Mayor Arnold opened up the public hearing. There was no one in attendance. Mayor Arnold closed the public hearing.

6. Discussion of Public Hearing Items

Mrs. Gibson moved that the Council of the Town of Berryville adopt the attached Ordinance setting the tax levies for tax year 2025 per the Code of the Town of Berryville, Chapter 16- Taxation, Article I- In General, Section 16-1 Annual Tax Assessments; valuation of property.
The motion passed by voice vote.

Mr. Tibbens 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 2025.
The motion passed by voice vote.

7. Other

8. Adjourn
The Council adjourned at 7:05 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Tibbens.

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

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 2025

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, 2025, 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 29th DAY OF APRIL 2025.

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Harry L. Arnold, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Erecka L. Gibson, Vice Mayor

TOWN COUNCIL
MOTION FOR APPROVAL: ORDINANCE SETTING TAX LEVIES FOR TAX YEAR 2025

Date: April 29, 2025

Motion By: Mrs. Gibson

Second By:

I hereby move that the Council of the Town of Berryville adopt the attached Ordinance setting the tax levies for tax year 2025 per the Code of the Town of Berryville, Chapter 16- Taxation, Article I – In General, Section 16-1 Annual Tax Assessments; valuation of property.

VOTE:

Aye: ALL

Nay: NONE

Absent/Abstain: NONE

ATTEST:__________________________________

Erecka L. Gibson, Vice Mayor

TOWN COUNCIL
MOTION FOR APPROVAL: RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2004-2005 CHANGES TO THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT OF 1998 FOR THE TAX YEAR 2025

Date: April 29, 2025

Motion By: Mr. Tibbens

Second By:

I hereby move 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 the tax year 2025.

VOTE:

Aye: ALL

Nay: NONE

Absent/Abstain: NONE

ATTEST:___________________________________
Erecka L. Gibson, Vice Mayor

TOWN OF BERRYVILLE
TOWN COUNCIL
AN ORDINANCE SETTING TAX LEVIES FOR TAX YEAR 2025

Date: April 29, 2025

Motion By:

Second By:

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the Town of Berryville, Virginia, that for the tax year 2025 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 29, 2025
Harry Lee Arnold, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: ______________________________ Date: April 29, 2025
Erecka L. Gibson, Vice Mayor