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For 2016, Animal Care and Control Appreciation Week is April 10-16.

The National Animal Care & Control Association is proud to endorse our annual effort to celebrate and promote professionalism within the Animal Care and Control field on the national stage. As with other events designed to promote specific groups, professions, and other important causes, NACA is pleased to provide all the necessary encouragement for all localities who would like to show their appreciation to all their Animal Care and Control personnel. We encourage all Animal Care and Control agencies to have a special week of their own to show off their pride and receive recognition for the important services they provide to their communities.

This week of appreciation is designed to give recognition to the hard-working men and women of Animal Care and Control who risk their lives and devote huge amounts of personal time and resources, while they serve the public like other public safety and law enforcement agencies empowered with the same duties.

This is the week that these hard working and dedicated Animal Care and Control employees should be honored by having the whole community say, "Thank You", for helping when no one else could, or would even know how to.

The week could kick-off with a public proclamation by a ranking official at a public meeting, or press conference, exclaiming how Animal Care and Control personnel risk life and limb by going out into the public to protect the welfare of helpless animals and pets that are rescued from injury, disease, abuse, and starvation. The proclamation should also recognize that Animal Care and Control personnel provide the essential community functions of enforcing Animal Control laws, protecting the public from diseases such as rabies, and educating the public on the proper care of the community's pets.

Other local departments are encouraged to become involved in this event by sponsoring a meal, or by sending flowers, balloons, or a nice signed card to the Animal Care and Control Department one day during the week to show their support for the work Animal Care and Control does in the community.



PROCLAMATION



*By virtue of the authority vested in me,
I hereby proclaim the month of April as*

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Whereas, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community problem that depends on involvement among people throughout the community; and

Whereas, child maltreatment occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and don't know how to cope; and

Whereas, the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community; and

Whereas, all citizens should become involved in supporting families in raising their children in a safe, nurturing environment; and

Whereas, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among families, social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community.

Therefore, I do hereby proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and neglect and strengthening the communities in which we live.

Now therefore I, _____,

do hereby recognize April 2016 as Child Abuse Prevention Month

in _____ and I call this observance

to the attention of all our citizens.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PH-1



CITY OF HOPEWELL CITY COUNCIL ACTION FORM

Strategic Operating Plan Vision Theme:

- Civic Engagement
- Culture & Recreation
- Economic Development
- Education
- Housing
- Safe & Healthy Environment
- None (Does not apply)

Order of Business:

- Consent Agenda
- Public Hearing
- Presentation-Boards/Commissions
- Unfinished Business
- Citizen/Councilor Request
- Regular Business
- Reports of Council Committees

Action:

- Approve and File
- Take Appropriate Action
- Receive & File (no motion required)
- Approve Ordinance 1st Reading
- Approve Ordinance 2nd Reading
- Set a Public Hearing
- Approve on Emergency Measure

COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Chapter 36, Tax Abatement, Section 180 (h), Procedures for qualifying; general provisions.

ISSUE: To consider citizen comments regarding an amendment to Chapter 36, Tax Abatement, Section 180(h), Procedures for qualifying; general provisions.

RECOMMENDATION: The City Administration recommends that City Council consider citizen comments and vote on the recommendation by City Administration to approve the amendment to strike Section 180(h) of Chapter 36.

TIMING: City Council action is requested on April 12, 2016.

BACKGROUND: The City's has several strategies to spur economic reinvestment. The tax abatement program, the downtown façade improvement grant, and historic tax credits are three programs that have proved to be successful in drawing developers interested in our revitalization efforts, especially in downtown. It has come to Administration's attention that the language in Chapter 34, Tax Abatement, Section 34-180 (h), impedes reinvestment. This section requires a developer to use either the tax abatement program or a public grant. It does not allow the use of both incentives.

It is important to provide as many incentives as we can to spur the revitalization of the City, especially when the funding source for the grant program (i.e. Downtown Façade Improvement Grant) is already in place.

FISCAL IMPACT: Possible disinvestment in the downtown.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS: 1. Proposed Amendment

STAFF: Mark A. Haley, City Manager

Charles E. Dane, Assistant City Manager

Tevya W. Griffin, Director of Neighborhood Assistance & Planning

SUMMARY:

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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vice Mayor Christina J. Luman-Bailey, Ward #1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councilor K. Wayne Walton, Ward #5
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councilor Arlene Holloway, Ward #2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mayor Brenda Pelham, Ward #6
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Councilor Jasmine E. Gore, Ward #4			

PUBLIC NOTICE

Hopewell City Council will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, April 12, 2016, for the purpose of receiving comments regarding the following request:

A request to amend the City Code, Chapter 34, Tax Abatement for Rehabilitation/Renovated or Replacement Structures, Section 34-180 (h) Procedures for qualifying; general provisions. The amendment, if approved, would allow rehabilitated or renovated property to utilize public grant funds and be eligible for tax abatement.

The public hearing will begin or about 7:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers, in the City Municipal Building, located at 300 North Main Street, Hopewell, Virginia 23860.

Information regarding the above-referenced matter may be obtained at the Department of Neighborhood Assistance and Planning located at 300 North Main Street, Room 321, or by telephone at (804) 541-2220.

Form No. 1 (revised 6/4/97)

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ARTICLE XI. TAX ABATEMENT FOR REHABILITATED/RENOVATED OR REPLACEMENT STRUCTURES

Sec. 34-176. Partial exemption from real estate taxation for certain rehabilitated/renovated single-family residential structures.

(a) *Exemption authorized.* Partial exemption from real estate taxes is provided for qualifying single-family residential property rehabilitated/renovated in accordance with the criteria set out in Article X, Section 6, Paragraph (h) of the Constitution of Virginia and Section 58.1-3220 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, if eligible according to the terms of the Constitution, the Code of Virginia and the provisions of this article.

(b) *When deemed rehabilitated/renovated.* For the purposes of this section, single-family residential real estate shall be deemed to be substantially rehabilitated/renovated when such a structure on the real estate, which is no less than twenty-five (25) years old, has been so improved as to increase the base value of the structure by no less than twenty-five (25) percent, but without increasing the total square footage of such structure by more than fifty (50) percent.

(c) *Amount of exemption.* The amount of the partial exemption provided for in this section shall be equal to the resulting increase in assessed value per the rehabilitation, renovation of a single-family residential property.

(d) *Length of exemption.* Exemption from taxation of real property qualifying for the residential rehabilitation, renovation or replacement exemption shall run with the land and for the benefit of any owner of such property during each of the five (5) years of exemption. The owner of the property shall be entitled to receive an exemption of one hundred percent (100%) of the increase in the assessed value of the real property as a result of the rehabilitation or renovation, as determined by the real estate assessor, during the first year after completion. In subsequent years, the owner shall be entitled to receive partial exemption from taxation on a declining percentage factor as set out in the table below.

City-wide Residential	
Year	Percent Value Exempt
1	100%
2	80%
3	60%
4	40%
5	20%

(e) When the construction of a new structure is achieved through demolition and replacement of an existing structure, this exemption shall not apply when any structure demolished is a registered Virginia landmark, is determined by the State to be

eligible for historic designation or is determined by the Department of Historic Resources to contribute to the significance of a registered historic district.

Sec. 34-177. Partial exemption from real estate taxation for certain rehabilitated/renovated multi-family residential structures.

(a) *Exemption authorized.* Partial exemption from real estate taxes is provided for qualifying multi-family residential property rehabilitated/renovated in accordance with the criteria set out in Article X, Section 6, Paragraph (h) of the Constitution of Virginia and Section 58.1-3220 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, if eligible according to the terms of the Constitution, the Code of Virginia and the provisions of this article.

(b) *When deemed rehabilitated/renovated.* For the purposes of this section, multi-family residential real estate shall be deemed substantially rehabilitated/renovated when such a structure on the real estate, which is no less than twenty-five (25) years old, has been improved as to increase the base value of the structure by no less than forty (40) percent, but without increasing the square footage of such structure of more than fifty (50) percent.

(c) *Amount of exemption.* The amount of the partial exemption provided for in this section shall be equal to the resulting increase in assessed value per the rehabilitation, renovation of a multi-family residential property.

(d) *Prohibition against converting single-family residential structure to multi-family residential structure.* No exemption may be used to convert a single-family residential structure to a multi-family residential structure.

(e) *Length of exemption.* Exemption from taxation of real property qualifying for the residential rehabilitation, renovation or replacement exemption shall run with the land and for the benefit of any owner of such property during each of the five (5) years of exemption. The owner of the property shall be entitled to receive an exemption of one hundred percent (100%) of the increase in the assessed value of the real property as a result of the rehabilitation or renovation, as determined by the real estate assessor, during the first year after completion. In subsequent years, the owner shall be entitled to receive partial exemption from taxation on a declining percentage factor as set out in the table below.

Multi-family	
Year	Percent Value Exempt
1	100%
2	80%
3	60%
4	40%
5	20%

(f) When the construction of a new structure is achieved through demolition and replacement of an existing structure, this exemption shall not apply when any structure demolished is a registered Virginia landmark, is determined by the State to be eligible for historic designation or is determined by the Department of Historic Resources to contribute to the significance of a registered historic district.

Sec. 34-177.1. Partial exemption from taxation for certain rehabilitated, renovated or replacement multi-family residential structures located in the Enterprise Zone.

(a) *Exemption authorized.* Partial exemption from real estate taxes is provided for qualifying residential property or the adaptive reuse of a property for residential use located in the Enterprise Zone which is rehabilitated, renovated or replaced in accordance with the criteria set out in Article X, Section 6, Paragraph (h) of the Constitution of Virginia and Section 58.1-3220 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, if eligible according to the terms of the Constitution, the Code of Virginia and the provisions of this article.

(b) *When deemed rehabilitated, renovated or replaced.* For the purposes of this section, residential real estate in the Enterprise Zone shall be deemed substantially rehabilitated, renovated or replaced when such a structure on the real estate, which is no less than twenty-five (25) years old, has been so improved as to increase the base value of the structure by no less than fifty (50) percent, but without increasing the total square footage of such structure by more than fifty (50) percent. The replacement of a structure must increase the base value of the structure by no less than one hundred percent (100%) in order to be eligible for the exemption.

(c) *Amount of exemption.* The amount of partial exemption provided for in this section shall be equal to the increase in assessed value per the rehabilitation, renovation or replacement of a multi-family residential real estate structures within the Enterprise Zone.

(d) *Length of exemption.* Exemption from taxation of real property qualifying for the residential rehabilitation, renovation or replacement exemption shall run with the land and for the benefit of any owner of such property during each of the ten (10) years of exemption. The owner of the property shall be entitled to receive an exemption of one hundred percent (100%) of the increase in the assessed value of the real property as a result of the rehabilitation, renovation, or replacement, as determined by the real estate assessor, during the first year after completion. In subsequent years, the owner shall be entitled to receive partial exemption from taxation on a declining percentage factor as set out in the table below.

Multi-family in the Enterprise Zone	
Year	Percent Value Exempt
1	100%
2	90%

3	80%
4	70%
5	60%
6	50%
7	40%
8	30%
9	20%
10	10%

(e) When the construction of a new structure is achieved through demolition and replacement of an existing structure, this exemption shall not apply when any structure demolished is a registered Virginia landmark, is determined by the State to be eligible for historic designation or is determined by the Department of Historic Resources to contribute to the significance of a registered historic district.

Sec. 34-178. Partial exemption from taxation for certain rehabilitated, renovated or replacement commercial/mixed use structures located in the Enterprise Zone or Revitalization Zone.

(a) *Exemption authorized.* Partial exemption from real estate taxes is provided for qualifying commercial/mixed use property located in the Enterprise/Revitalization Zone which is rehabilitated, renovated or replaced in accordance with the criteria set out in Article X, Section 6, Paragraph (h) of the Constitution of Virginia and Section 58.1-3221 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, if eligible according to the terms of the Constitution, the Code of Virginia and the provisions of this article.

(b) *When deemed rehabilitated, renovated or replaced.* For the purposes of this section, commercial/mixed use real estate in the Enterprise/Revitalization Zone shall be deemed substantially rehabilitated, renovated or replaced when such a structure on the real estate, which is no less than twenty-five (25) years old, has been so improved as to increase the base value of the structure by no less than fifty (50) percent, but without increasing the total square footage of such structure by more than fifty percent (50%). The replacement of a structure must increase the base value of the structure by no less than one hundred percent (100%) in order to be eligible for the exemption.

(c) *Amount of exemption.* The amount of partial exemption provided for in this section shall be equal to the resulting increase in assessed value per the renovation, rehabilitation or replacement of a commercial/mixed use structures within the Enterprise/Revitalization Zone.

(d) *Length of exemption.* Exemption from taxation of real property qualifying for the commercial or mixed use rehabilitation, renovation or replacement exemption shall run with the land and for the benefit of any owner of such property during each of the ten (10) years of exemption. The owner of the property shall be entitled to receive an exemption of one hundred percent (100%) of the increase in the assessed value of the real property as a result of the rehabilitation, renovation, or replacement, as

determined by the real estate assessor, during the first year after completion. In subsequent years, the owner shall be entitled to receive partial exemption from taxation on a declining percentage factor as set out in the table below.

Commercial/Mixed Use in Enterprise/Revitalization Zone	
Year	Percent Value Exempt
1	100%
2	90%

3	80%
4	70%
5	60%
6	50%
7	40%
8	30%
9	20%
10	10%

(e) When the construction of a new structure is achieved through demolition and replacement of an existing structure, this exemption shall not apply when any structure demolished is a registered Virginia landmark, is determined by the State to be eligible for historic designation or is determined by the Department of Historic Resources to contribute to the significance of a registered historic district.

Sec. 34-178.1. Partial exemption from taxation for certain rehabilitation or renovation of the façade of commercial/mixed use structures located in the Downtown Façade Enhancement Area.

(a) *Exemption authorized.* Partial exemption from real estate taxes is provided for qualifying commercial/mixed use property located in the Downtown Façade Enhancement Area, which is rehabilitated or renovated in accordance with the criteria set out in Article X, Section 6, Paragraph (h) of the Constitution of Virginia and Section 58.1-3221 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, if eligible according to the terms of the Constitution, the Code of Virginia and the provisions of this article.

(b) *When deemed rehabilitated/renovated.* For the purposes of this section, commercial/mixed use real estate in the Downtown Façade Enhancement Area shall be deemed substantially rehabilitated or renovated when such a structure on the real estate, which is no less than twenty-five (25) years old, and has been approved to participate in the City's Downtown Façade Improvement Program.

(c) *Amount of exemption.* The amount of partial exemption provided for in this section shall be equal to the resulting increase in assessed value per the façade enhancement.

(d) *Length of exemption.* Exemption from taxation of real property qualifying for the commercial or mixed use rehabilitation or renovation exemption shall run with the land and for the benefit of any owner of such property during each of the ten (10) years of exemption. The owner of the property shall be entitled to receive an exemption of one hundred percent (100%) of the increase in the assessed value of the real property as a

result of the rehabilitation or renovation of the building facade, as determined by the real estate assessor, during the first year after completion. In subsequent years, the owner shall be entitled to receive partial exemption from taxation on a declining percentage factor as set out in the table below.

Downtown Façade Enhancement Area	
Year	Percent Value Exempt
1	100%
2	90%
3	80%
4	70%
5	60%
6	50%
7	40%
8	30%
9	20%
10	10%

(e) When the construction of a new structure is achieved through demolition and replacement of an existing structure, this exemption shall not apply when any structure demolished is a registered Virginia landmark, is determined by the State to be eligible for historic designation or is determined by the Department of Historic Resources to contribute to the significance of a registered historic district.

Sec. 34-179. Partial exemption from taxation for certain rehabilitated, renovated or replacement hotel or motel structures located in the Enterprise Zone.

(a) *Exemption authorized.* Partial exemption from real estate taxes is provided for qualifying hotel or motel property located within a designated enterprise zone which is rehabilitated, renovated or replaced in accordance with the criteria set out in Article X, Section 6, Paragraph (h) of the Constitution of Virginia and Section 58.1- 3221 of the

Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, if eligible according to the terms of the Constitution, the Code of Virginia and the provisions of this article.

(b) *When deemed rehabilitated/renovated or replacement.* For the purposes of this section, hotel or motel real estate located in a designated enterprise zone shall be deemed substantially rehabilitated, renovated or replaced when such structure on the real estate, which is no less than thirty-five (35) years old, has been so improved as to increase the base value of the real estate by no less than five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00).

(c) *Amount of exemption.* The amount of partial exemption provided for in this section shall be equal to the resulting increase in assessed value per the rehabilitation, renovation or replacement of hotel or motel structures within the enterprise zone.

(d) *Length of exemption.* Exemption from taxation of real property qualifying for the hotel or motel rehabilitation, renovation or replacement exemption shall run with the land and for the benefit of any owner of such property during each of the five (5) years of exemption. The owner of the property shall be entitled to receive an exemption of one hundred percent (100%) of the increase in the assessed value of the real property as a result of the rehabilitation, renovation, or replacement, as determined by the real estate assessor, during the first year after completion. In subsequent years, the owner shall be entitled to receive partial exemption from taxation on a declining percentage factor as set out in the table below.

Hotel/Motel in Enterprise Zone	
Year	Percent Value Exempt
1	100%
2	80%
3	60%
4	40%
5	20%

(e) When the construction of a new structure is achieved through demolition and replacement of an existing structure, this exemption shall not apply when any structure demolished is a registered Virginia landmark, is determined by the State to be eligible for historic designation or is determined by the Department of Historic Resources to contribute to the significance of a registered historic district.

Sec. 34-180. Procedures for qualifying; general provisions.

(a) *Procedures.* As a requisite for qualifying for partial tax exemption for the rehabilitation, renovation, or replacement of a structure, the owner of the real property

upon which the structure is located shall simultaneously with making application for a building permit to construct, rehabilitate, or renovate such structure, file with the real estate assessor, an application to qualify such structure for partial exemption from

taxation. Upon receipt of an application for tax exemption, the real estate assessor shall determine the then assessed value of the structure prior to commencement of new construction, rehabilitation or, renovation, which shall serve as the base value for determining whether the new construction or the rehabilitation/renovation increases the assessed value of such structure by the minimum amount as provided in this article. The application to qualify for tax exemption shall be effective until December 31 of the second calendar year following the year in which the application is submitted. If by such expiration date, the new construction, rehabilitation or renovation has not progressed to such a point that the assessed value of the real estate is at least said minimum percentage greater than the base value of such structure, the approved application becomes null and void and no exemption shall be allowed. A new application to qualify for tax exemption may be filed, accompanied by a payment of an additional fee and the establishment of a new base value. The initial application to qualify for the rehabilitated, renovated or replacement real estate structure tax exemption, and any subsequent application, must be accompanied by payment of a nonrefundable fee in the sum of one hundred twenty-five (\$125.00), which fee shall be applied to offset the cost of processing such application, making required assessments, and making inspections to determine the progress of the work. During the period between the receipt of the application and the time at which the assessor shall ascertain that the real estate has increased in value by at least the minimum percentage, the real estate assessor shall, prior to December 31, make annual inspections of the progress of the rehabilitation, renovation or replacement undertaken, and the owner of the property shall be subject to taxation upon the full value of the improvements to the property. An owner may, at any time prior to November 1 of any calendar year in which rehabilitation, renovation or replacement of a structure is complete, submit a written request to the assessor to inspect the structure to determine if it then qualifies for the rehabilitated, renovated, or replacement property exemption. When it is determined that at least the minimum percentage increase in assessed value (base value is exceeded by the applicable percentage or more) has occurred within the qualifying period, the tax exemption shall become effective beginning on January 1 of the next calendar year.

(b) *Credit.* The owner of property qualifying for partial exemption of real estate taxes because of rehabilitation, renovation or replacement of a structure shall be issued a bill annually in the amount of the actual taxes based on assessed value reduced by the rehabilitated, renovated or replacement exemption credit allowed. The exemption credit shall be the difference in taxes computed upon the base value, and the taxes that are computed on the initial value of the rehabilitated, renovated, or replacement structure once it qualifies for the exemption. An increase in assessment occurring after the first year of such rehabilitated, renovated or replacement structure shall not qualify for an increase in such exemption. No portion of any credit (partial exemption) shall be allowed in any year for any real estate when such portion of a credit would reduce the tax below what it would be for the base value of the real estate. No portion of any unused or unavailable credit may be used in any subsequent year.

(c) *Exemption runs with land.* Exemption from taxation of real property qualifying for the rehabilitation, renovation or replacement exemption shall run with the land and for the benefit of any owner of such property during each of the years of exemption as defined in the appropriate table.

(d) *Improvements on vacant land.* No improvements made upon vacant land defined in the Zoning Ordinance for single or multi-family purpose use shall be eligible for partial exemption from real estate taxation.

(e) New detached real estate shall not qualify for exemption.

(f) *Methods of determining base value.* In determining the base value of a structure and if the rehabilitation, renovation, or replacement results in the necessary minimum increase over such base value, the assessor shall employ usual and customary methods of assessing real estate.

(g) No property which is already subject to any tax abatement shall be eligible for further abatement under this article.

~~(h) No property rehabilitated or renovated utilizing any public grant funds shall be eligible for abatement under this article.~~

(i) Only property listed as a permissible use, as of the application date, in the zoning ordinance in the district it occupies shall be eligible for abatement under this article.

Sec. 34-181. Real property tax payment prerequisite to exemption.

In order to qualify for any partial exemption under this article, neither the real property which is the subject of the exemption application, nor the owner of said property, may be delinquent in any then due real property tax payments.

Sec. 34-182. Failure to pay nonexempt real estate taxes; penalty on exempt taxes; forfeiture of exemption.

Whenever the owner of real property which has qualified for partial exemption from real estate taxation under this article shall fail to timely pay the non-exempted amount of real estate taxes on the property of any tax year, the partial exemption from real property taxation shall be forfeited for the remainder of the exemption period and late penalty shall be added for that tax year of ten (10) percent of the real estate taxes which were claimed for exemption. However, if the failure to pay the real estate tax was not in any way the fault of the taxpayer, the treasurer may waive any penalty and interest and the assessor may reinstate any tax credit.

The partial exemption from real property taxation provided for in this article shall also be forfeited if a single-family residential structure afforded a partial exemption is used for, or converted into, a multi-family residential structure.

Sec. 34-183. Assessor; rehabilitated, renovated or replacement real estate; special coding in computer master file; application forms; rules and regulations.

(a) Nothing in this article shall be construed as to permit the assessor to list upon the land book any reduced value due to the exemption provided.

(b) When the tax exemption becomes effective, the property shall be so coded and identified by the assessor in the computer master file for the term of the exemption period. The bill previously referred to in the "credit" section of this article will be prepared based on this Code as will all other necessary administrative procedures, reports and analysis.

(c) The real estate assessor shall cause to be prepared and shall have for distribution in the real estate assessor's office, in the office of the building code official, and in the department of development, forms for use by property owners who propose to construct/rehabilitate/renovate or replace residential or qualifying commercial structures. Application forms shall be completed in duplicate and shall be delivered by the owner to the real estate assessor at the same time that the owner applies for a building permit to undertake such rehabilitation, renovation or replacement real estate improvement, at which time the base value of the real property will be determined.

(d) The real estate assessor may prescribe such rules and regulations as deemed requisite for processing applications for exemption for rehabilitated, renovated or replacement property and exempting same and a copy of any such rules and regulations shall be available in the office of the real estate assessor, the building code official, and the department of development, as well as in the office of the city clerk.

Sec. 34-184. Effective date for tax abatement program rehabilitated, renovated or replacement real estate.

This ordinance shall be effective January 31, 2010 and shall be applied to all qualifying applications for the tax year 2010 and all subsequent tax years. Any construction and/or renovation project which was begun in 2009 and which will be completed in 2010 will be eligible for this tax abatement program as if the project had been started under the program, so long as the real estate assessor is able to make an accurate determination of the assessed value of the structure prior to commencement of the new construction, rehabilitation or, renovation, which can serve as the base value pursuant to §34-180. Any person or entity desiring to include a project begun in 2009 must file the application described in §34-180.

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CITY OF HOPEWELL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council of the City of Hopewell will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 12, 2016, at 7:30 PM in the City Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 300 North Main Street, Hopewell, Virginia to receive public comments regarding the proposed FY 2016/2017 City Budget.

For additional information contact Jerry I. Whitaker, Director of Finance 541-2306.

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SUMMARY OF FUNDS BUDGETS

	2015/16	2016/17		
	Adopted	PROPOSED	INCR	PERCENT
Fund	BUDGET	BUDGET	(DECR)	CHANGE
General Fund	\$ 48,032,000	\$ 49,726,462	\$ 1,694,462	3.41%
Recreation Fund	1,704,000	1,724,000	20,000	1.16%
Social Services Fund	3,884,402	4,210,772	326,370	7.75%
CSA Fund	3,684,000	3,280,473	(403,527)	(12.30%)
Self-Insurance Fund	500,000	500,000	-	0.00%
Cemetery Care Fund	35,000	35,000	-	0.00%
Anti-litter Fund	5,000	6,063	1,063	0.00%
Marina/Harbor Fund	14,400	14,400	-	0.00%
School Operating Fund	47,466,112	49,872,516	2,406,404	4.83%
School Textbook Fund	650,000	344,388	(305,612)	(88.74%)
School Cafeteria Fund	3,102,598	3,142,912	40,314	1.28%
Building & Bus Fund	702,950	405,719	(297,231)	(73.26%)
Solid Waste Fund	2,050,445	2,104,382	53,937	2.56%
Sewer Services Fund	8,601,130	8,479,425	(121,705)	(1.44%)
HRWTF Fund	48,346,067	49,428,727	1,082,660	2.19%
Stormwater Fund 1		3,359,330	3,359,330	100.00%
Stormwater Fund 2		250,000	250,000	100.00%
Capital Projects Fund	6,996,000	8,041,000	1,045,000	13.00%
Econ. Development Fund		38,440	38,440	
Healthy Families Fund	-	204,135	204,135	(100.00%)
	\$ 175,774,104	\$ 185,168,144	\$ 9,394,040	
Interfund Transfers	(20,897,582)	(19,429,540)	1,468,042	(7.56%)
TOTALS	\$ 154,876,522	\$ 165,738,604	\$ 10,862,082	6.55%

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER

**COMMUNICATIONS
FROM CITIZENS**