



**TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024 – 2:30 pm
COUNCIL CHAMBERS- TOWN HALL**

DRAFT AGENDA

Please note there will be an opportunity during the meeting for citizens to address the Town Council when the Mayor declares public comments open. We request that anyone addressing the Council sign up, approach the podium when called, state your first and last name, and provide your complete mailing address.

- A. WELCOME** – *Mayor Pillion*
- B. ROLL CALL** – *Kim Kingsley, Clerk*
- C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – *Vice Mayor Dwyane Anderson*
- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – *Mayor Pillion*
- E. PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Please place your name on the sign-up sheet provided; comments are limited to three (3) minutes per person.
- Town of Abingdon residents
 - Other public comments (e.g. property owners, organizations)
- F. PROCLAMATIONS**
- I. PUBLIC HEARING** - Please place your name on the sign-up sheet provided; comments are limited to five (5) minutes per person.
1. Proposed right of way and permanent easement for private utilities for William King Museum of Art, a Virginia non-stock corporation, on Town owned property known as Academy Drive, located at or near 415 Academy Drive NW, consisting of 25 feet in length, 15 feet in width (7.5 feet on each side of the centerline), more or less, centered on coordinates 26.7100777, -81.9870557.
 2. Ordinance to repeal, amend, and reenact Chapter 66. Taxation – property tax exemption for Elderly and Handicapped homeowner and Qualified Veterans totally and permanently handicapped property owner.
- J. RESOLUTIONS**
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Elderly and Handicapped homeowner and Qualified Veterans totally and permanently handicapped property owner.

L. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

M. CONSIDERATION OF BIDS

N. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration of allocation to Veterans Advisory Board from Council Contingency
2. Consideration of “Abingdon Town Council Monthly Town Hall Meeting Request Form”

O. OLD BUSINESS

P. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM TOWN MANAGER

Q. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

R. APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1. Board of Building Code Appeals
 - Reappointment of Ed Fuqua, who is eligible to serve an additional term
2. Sustain Abingdon
 - Reappointment of Elizabeth Hill, who is eligible to serve an additional term
 - Reappointment of Tom McMullen, who is eligible to serve an additional term
 - Appointment to fill an expired position
3. Tree Commission
 - Reappointment of Greg Meade, who is eligible to serve an additional term

S. CLOSED SESSION

T. ADJOURNMENT



MEMO

TO: ABINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

FROM: HEAGON GILL, ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN

SUBJECT: PERMANENT UTILITY EASEMENT

**PUBLICATION
DATE:** APRIL 20, 2023

**MEETING
DATE:** APRIL 18, 2023

LOCATION: COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN HALL
133 WEST MAIN STREET, ABINGDON, VA

William King Museum of Art is requesting a permanent easement to install and maintenance the required utilities as a future addition to the existing structure.

Parcel 010-1-33 as seen in Exhibit B is encumbered by Academy Drive. The Town's Street configuration makes it impossible to provide required Stormwater Runoff Quantity and Quality Control without extensive excavation.

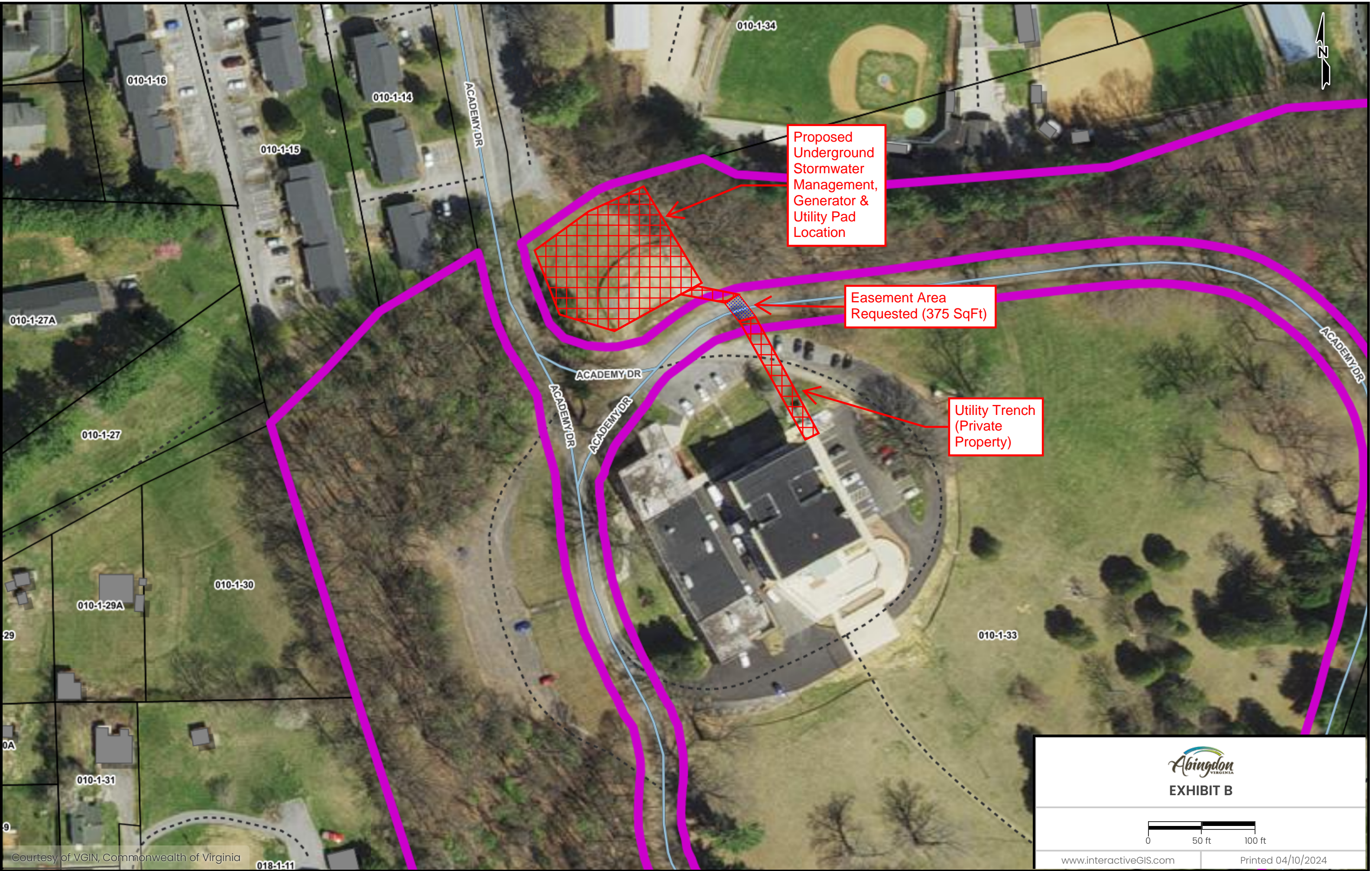
The parcel owned by William King Museum of Art currently straddles both sides of Academy Drive, therefore they are currently seeking an easement from the Town of Abingdon.

The future addition of this structure will be reviewed for compliance with the Stormwater Management Ordinance, Town Zoning Ordinance, as well as the Uniform Statewide Building Code.

However, without a positive motion by the Town Council for an easement – this addition will not be feasible.

The easement is 375 square feet, 25 feet in length & 15 feet in width (7.5 feet each side of the centerline).

Staff is requesting the Town Council make a motion on an easement across Town Right of Way, which is within property owned by the William King Museum of Art.



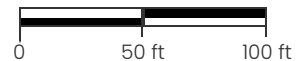
Proposed Underground Stormwater Management, Generator & Utility Pad Location

Easement Area Requested (375 SqFt)

Utility Trench (Private Property)



EXHIBIT B



Prepared by:
Cameron S. Bell
Penn, Stuart & Eskridge
P.O. Box 2288
Abingdon, VA 24212
VSB No. 47685

Tax Map Parcel Number: 10-1-133

The Grantor is exempt for recordation and tax pursuant to Sections 58.1-811(A)(3) and 58.1-811(C)(4) of the Code of Virginia and exempt for fees pursuant to Sections 42.1-70, 17.1-266 and 17.1-279(E).

DEED OF EASEMENT

THIS DEED OF EASEMENT, made and entered into this ____ day of April ___, 2024, by and between Town of Abingdon (“Grantor”) and William King Museum of Art (“Grantee”).

WITNESSETH:

That for and in consideration of ten dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Grantor does hereby grant and convey to Grantee and its successors and assigns an easement in the Town of Abingdon described as an easement as shown on Exhibit B.

The parties further agree as follows:

1. No third party, other than Grantor’s successors in title and permittees (including without limitation Grantor’s lessee(s)) shall be granted the right to use or shall use any part of the area within such easement for any purpose or in any manner without approval of Grantor in writing.

2. If Grantee, its successors or assigns, at any time discontinues use of the easement or the underlying purpose of the easement herein conveyed, all of the Grantee's rights and interest in said easement or portion thereof shall immediately terminate and revert to Grantor, its successors and assigns, and Grantee shall at its expense remove any facilities and restore Grantor's property as nearly to its original condition as practicable and, on written request by Grantor, Grantee shall quitclaim and release same.

3. The parties agree that Grantee shall restore the property to its original condition or as close as is feasibly possible once all improvements in the easement area are constructed. This restoration shall include but not be limited to grading, reseeding, the repair or replacement of asphalt or concrete drives and walks, replacement of fencing, and the restoration of other public improvements and utilities.

4. The parties agree that Grantee will restore any portion of Academy Drive disturbed by installation or maintenance of the easement in accordance with a modification of VDOT Standard PB-1, with a temporary aggregate course in lieu of an asphalt course as the Grantee will regrade and pave a larger section of Academy Drive within a month of the utility installation. The parties agree that the Grantee will replace asphalt layers should the WKMA Addition project be delayed beyond a time frame that the Town determines is unreasonable.

5. This instrument contains all the agreements between the parties relating to its subject matter. No representations or statements, verbal or written, have been made which are inconsistent with the terms of this deed.

WITNESS the following signature and seal:

TOWN OF ABINGDON

_____(SEAL)

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, to wit:

The foregoing Deed of Easement was acknowledged before me this _____
day of _____, 2024, by _____.

Notary Public
Notary Registration No. _____

My commission expires:



**THOMPSON
& LITTON** EST.
1956
ENGINEERS ARCHITECTS

March 27, 2024

Heagon Gill
Senior Engineering Technician
Town of Abingdon
133 West Main Street
Abingdon, VA 24210

Emailed: hgill@abingdon-va.gov

Re: WILLIAM KING MUSEUM OF ART – WORRELL COLLECTION (Early Site Package)
Academy Drive – Roadway Right of Way Encroachment Request
T&L Project No. 16950

Dear Heagon Gill:

Thompson & Litton is requesting permission on behalf of William King Museum of Art, for the installation of underground utilities across the Town's roadway know as "Academy Drive." The utilities, underground electrical and chiller lines, are required for the installation and activation of the new backup generator prior to the dismantling of the existing backup generator and construction of the Museum's new building addition.

The portion of Academy Drive affected is located at the following coordinate: N 36.7100777, W - 81.9870557 and as depicted in the attached Site Plan Sheet. The roadway will have a disturbance of 323.72 sft for the trench required for the utility installation. The roadway will be restored in accordance with a modification of VDOT Standard PB-1, with a temporary aggregate course in lieu of an asphalt course as the WKMA Addition project seeks to regrade and pave larger section of Academy Drive within a month of the utility installation. It is understood that the asphalt layers are to be replaced should the WKMA Addition project be delayed beyond a time frame that the Town determines is unreasonable.

Jon-Michael Davis with Burwil Construction Company will be providing a traffic control sketch separate from this request letter and plan sheet.

Should the Town have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

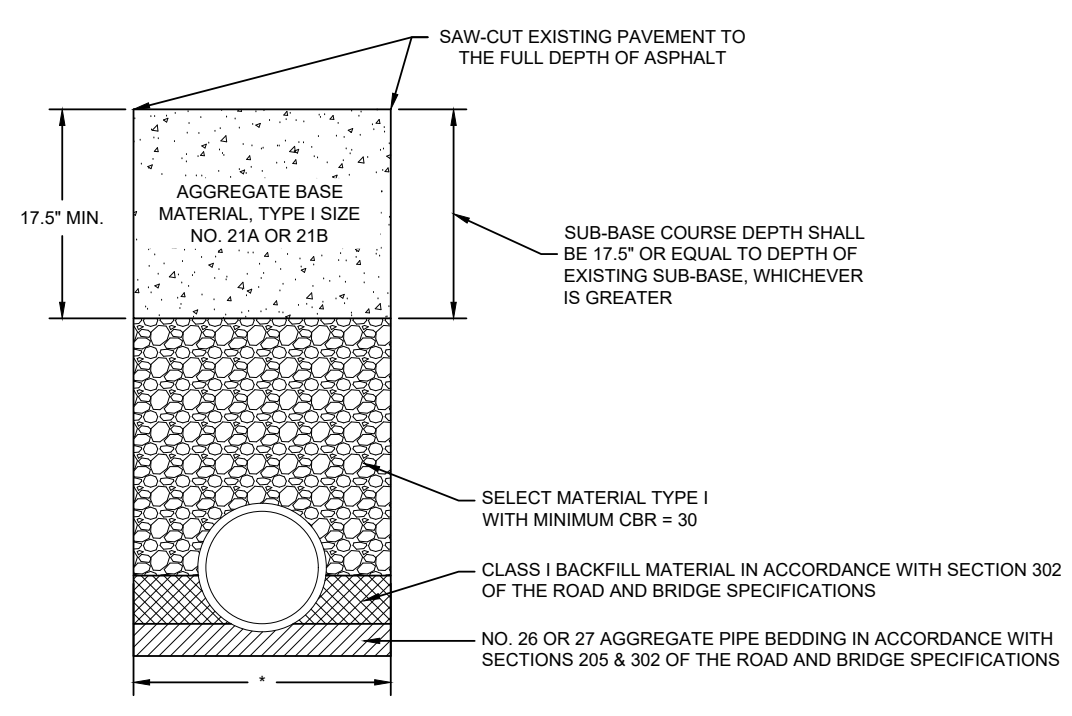
Jennifer J. Moore, P.E.
Lead Civil Engineer



Heagon Gill
Plan Review Comments- WKMA Worrell Collection (Early Site Package)
Academy Drive – Roadway Right of Way Encroachment Request
03/27/2024
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Enclosure: Modified Plan sheet C4.0 (includes Pavement Detail)

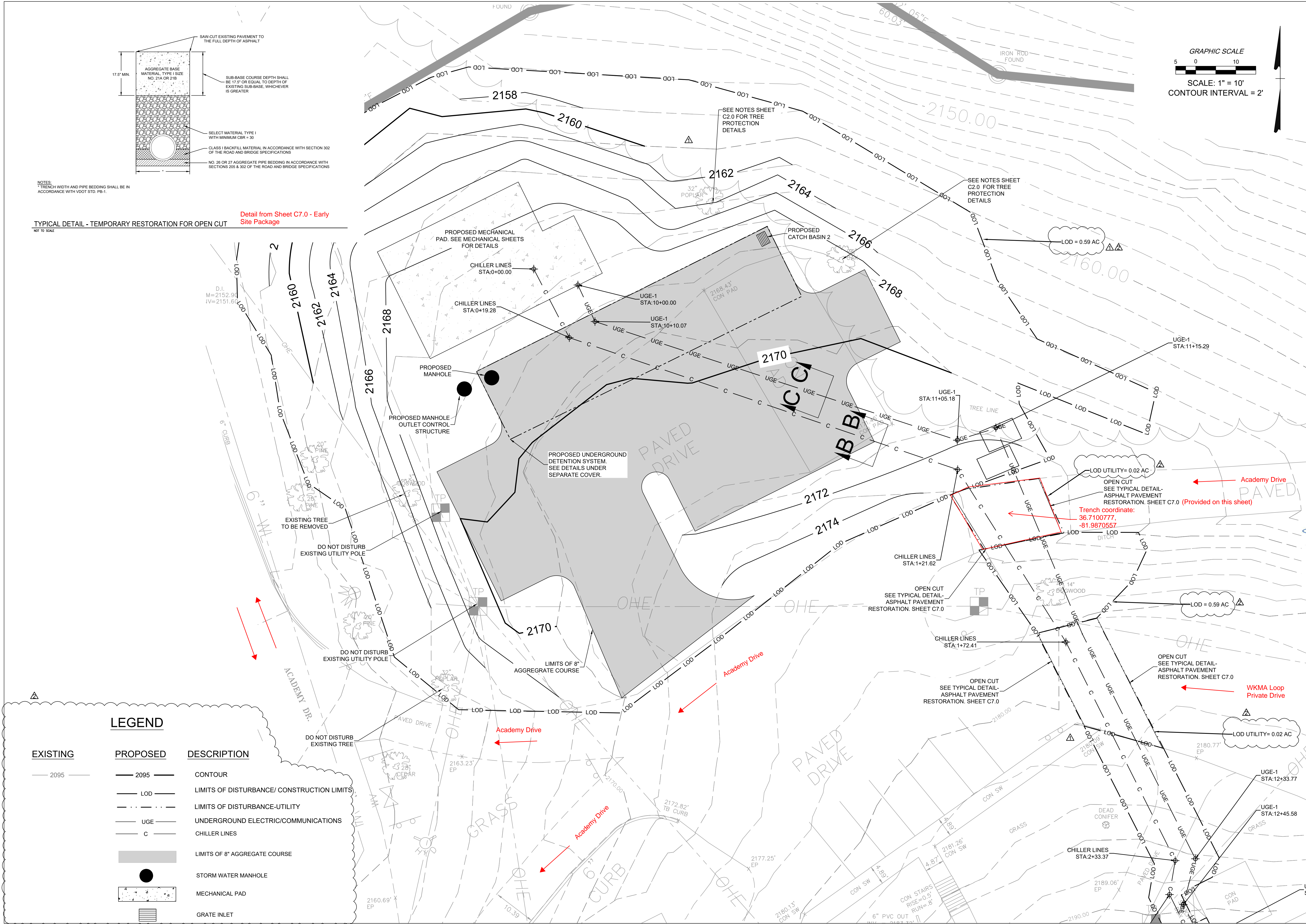
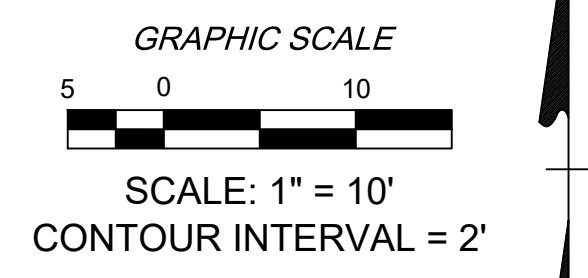
pc: Michael Surrent, Town of Abingdon
Jon-Michael Davis, Bur-Wil Construction Co.
Azadeh Rashidi, Schulhof-Rashidi Architects
Sherry Ng, Schulhof-Rashidi Architects
Scott Wilson, Thompson & Litton, Inc.



NOTES:
 * TRENCH WIDTH AND PIPE BEDDING SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH VDOT STD. PB-1.

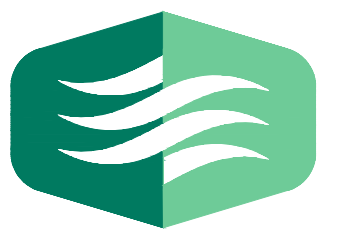
Detail from Sheet C7.0 - Early Site Package

TYPICAL DETAIL - TEMPORARY RESTORATION FOR OPEN CUT
 NOT TO SCALE



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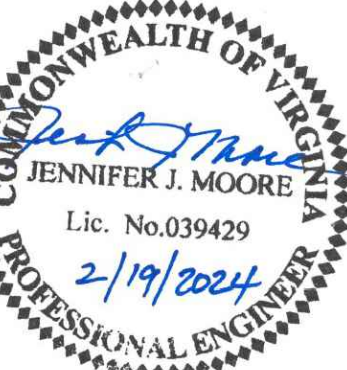
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EARLY SITE UTILITY PACKAGE
 January 29, 2024

REVISIONS
 Δ ESUP ADDENDUM 02/19/2024
 Δ TOWN COMMENTS 02/27/2024



WILLIAM KING MUSEUM OF ART
 WORRELL ADDITION
 415 ACADEMY DRIVE NW
 ABRINGDON, VA 24210

DWN BY: HMR
 SCALE: 1"=10'

ENLARGED UTILITY SITE PLAN

C4.0

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: April 18, 2024

AGENDA ITEM: K - 1

ITEM TITLE: First reading of an ordinance to repeal, amend and reenact Chapter 66. Taxation – property tax exemption for Elderly and Handicapped homeowner and Qualified Veterans totally and permanently handicapped property owner.

SUMMARY: Request to repeal, amend and reenact Chapter 66, Section 66-42. Amount of exemption. The General Assembly amended the Code of Virginia, Chapter 32 of Title 58.1, relating to exemption or deferral of taxes on property of certain elderly and handicapped person. Pursuant to Code of Virginia, §58.1-3210, the Town of Abingdon may, by ordinance, provide for the exemption or deferral of taxes on property of certain elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities.

Present:

Sec. 66-42. Amount of exemption.

The person qualifying for and claiming exemption shall be relieved of that portion of the real estate tax levied on the qualifying dwelling and land, not exceeding one acre, in the amount calculated in accordance with the following schedule:

If income is:	And Net Worth is:	Percentage
\$0 to \$10,263	\$0 to \$33,000	80%
	\$33,001 to \$66,000	64%
	\$66,001 to \$100,000	56%
\$10,264 to \$15,227	\$0 to \$33,000	60%
	\$33,001 to \$66,000	48%
	\$66,001 to \$100,000	42%
\$15,228 to \$20,356	\$0 to \$33,000	40%
	\$33,001 to \$66,000	32%
	\$66,001 to \$100,000	28%
\$20,357 to \$25,487	\$0 to \$33,000	20%
	\$33,001 to \$66,000	16%
	\$66,001 to \$100,000	14%

Proposed:

Sec. 66-42. Amount of exemption.

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If income is:	Percentage of Discount
\$0 to \$25,000	80%
\$25,001 to \$30,000	60%
\$30,001 to \$38,000	40%
\$38,001 to \$44,000	20%

Tax discount net worth must be under \$100,000 for all levels of exemption. Code Section 66-40(c) Exemption: excluded income of occupant who is not the spouse, is \$5,568.00.

PRIOR ACTION(S):

FISCAL IMPACT: Based on current exemptions, the proposed discount would be approximately an increase of \$2,000 over the 2023 year period.

STAFF CONTACT(S): Mike Cochran, Town Manager

RECOMMENDATION: To adopt and waive second reading as presented.

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL, AMEND AND REENACT CHAPTER 66, TAXATION, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA, TO AMEND THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR ELDERLY and HANDICAPPED HOMEOWNER and QUALIFIED VETERANS TOTALLY AND PERMANENTLY HANDICAPPED PROPERTY OWNER

WHEREAS, Chapter 66, Article II, The Code of The Town of Abingdon, Virginia “the person qualifying for and claiming exemption shall be relieved of that portion of the real estate tax levied on the qualifying dwelling and land, not exceeding one acre, in the amount calculated” is provided for qualified property owners to real estate tax relief for elderly property owners and qualified totally and permanently handicapped property owners; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly amended the Code of Virginia, Chapter 32 of Title 58.1, relating to exemption or deferral of taxes on property of certain elderly and handicapped persons; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, upon recommendation of the Council of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia, and notice pursuant to §58.1-3213.1 of the Code of Virginia 1950, as amended, and public hearing of the Town Council on April 18, 2024, as required by law:

1. That this ordinance shall become effective on _____; and
2. That should any section or provision of this ordinance be decided to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section or provision of this ordinance or the Code of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia; and
3. That the Town of Abingdon's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 66 - Taxation; Article II- Real Property Tax; Division 2. Relief for Elderly and Handicapped that is proposed for repeal, amendment, and reenactment, currently appears as follows:

Sec. 66-36. Manufactured homes included.

For purposes of this division, any reference to real estate shall include manufactured homes.

Sec. 66-37. Applicability to handicapped.

All the provisions of this division relative to real estate tax relief for elderly property owners shall also apply to qualified totally and permanently handicapped property owners, on the same basis as to income and net worth.

Sec. 66-38. Authorized legislative finding.

- (a) Real estate tax exemption is hereby provided for qualified property owners, who are not less than 65 years of age and who are eligible according to the terms of this division.
- (b) Persons qualifying for exemption are deemed to be bearing an extraordinary real estate tax burden in relation to their income and financial worth.

Sec. 66-39. Administration.

The exemption authorized by Section 66-38 shall be administered by the Town Treasurer according to the general provisions contained in this article. The Town Treasurer is hereby authorized and empowered to prescribe, adopt, promulgate, and enforce rules and regulations in conformity with the general provisions of this article, including the requirements of answers under oath, as may be reasonably necessary to determine qualifications for exemption as specified by this section. The Town Treasurer may require the production of certified tax returns and appraisal reports to establish income or financial worth.

Sec. 66-40. Requirements for exemption.

Exemption shall be granted under this article for real estate taxes on the qualifying dwelling and land, not exceeding one acre, subject to the following provisions:

- (1) The title of the property for which exemption is claimed is held, or partially held, on January 1 of the taxable year by the person claiming exemption.
- (2) The head of the household occupying the dwelling and owning title, or partial title, thereto is 65 years of age or older on December 31 of the year immediately preceding the taxable year. Such dwelling must be occupied as the sole dwelling of the person or persons not less than 65 years of age.
- (3) The total combined income during the immediately preceding calendar year from all sources of the owner of the dwelling living therein and of the owner's relatives living in the dwelling shall not exceed \$12,000.00; provided, that the first \$2,500.00 of income other than spouse of the owner shall not be included in such total.
- (4) The net combined financial worth, including equitable interests, as of December 31 of the immediately preceding calendar year, of the owner

and the spouse of any owner, excluding the value of the dwelling and the land, not exceeding one acre, upon which it is situated shall not exceed \$30,000.00.

Sec. 66-41. Affidavit; certificate; changes in status.

- (a) Annually, and not later than May 1, of the taxable year, the person claiming an exemption must file a real estate tax exemption affidavit with the town treasurer.
- (b) The affidavit shall set forth, in a manner prescribed by the town treasurer, the location, assessed value and tax on the property and the names of the related persons occupying the dwelling for which exemption is claimed, their gross combined income and the combined net worth of the owners and the spouse of any owner.
- (c) If, after audit and investigation, the Town Treasurer determines that the person is qualified for exemption, he shall issue to the person a certificate which shall show the amount of the exemption from the claimant's real estate tax liability upon the qualifying dwelling and land, not exceeding one acre.
- (d) Changes in respect to income, financial worth, ownership of property or other factors occurring during the taxable year for which the affidavit is filed and having the effect of exceeding or violating the limitations and conditions provided herein, or by any ordinance adopted hereafter, shall nullify any exemption for the then current taxable year and the taxable year immediately following.

Sec. 66-42. Amount of exemption.

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Sec. 66-43. Forfeiture.

Failure to pay the difference between the exemption and the full amount of taxes levied on the property for which the exemption is issued by the tax collection date, as defined in Section

66-1, of the year for which such exemption is issued shall constitute a forfeiture of the exemption.

Sec. 66-44. False claims.

The false claim of the exemption authorized in this section shall constitute a class 1 misdemeanor.

Sec. 66-45. Minimum amount for certain Veterans.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this division:

- (1) Real estate exempts from taxation of the real property, including the joint real property of husband and wife, of any Veteran who has been rated by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor agency pursuant to federal law to have a 100 percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability, and who occupies the real property as his principal place of residence.
- (2) The surviving spouse of a Veteran eligible for the exemption set forth in this article shall also qualify for the exemption, so long as the death of the Veteran occurs on or after January 1, 2011, the surviving spouse does not remarry, and the surviving spouse continues to occupy the real property as his principal place of residence.

The Veteran or surviving spouse claiming the exemption under this article shall file with the commissioner of the revenue of the county, city, or town or such other officer as may be designated by the governing body in which the real property is located, on forms to be supplied by the county, city, or town, an affidavit or written statement (i) setting forth the name of the disabled Veteran and the name of the spouse, if any, also occupying the real property, (ii) indicating whether the real property is jointly owned by a husband and wife, and (iii) certifying that the real property is occupied as the Veteran's principal place of residence. The Veteran shall also provide documentation from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor agency indicating that the Veteran has a 100 percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability. The Veteran shall be required to re-file the information required by this section only if the Veteran's principal place of residence changes. In the event of a surviving spouse of a Veteran claiming the exemption, the surviving spouse shall also provide documentation that the Veteran's death occurred on or after January 1, 2011.

Secs. 66-46—66-55. Reserved.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, upon the recommendation of the Council of the Town of Abingdon, Chapter 66 - Taxation, Article II. Real Property Tax, Division 2. Relief for Elderly and Handicapped be repealed, amended, and reenacted as follows:

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- (2) The head of the household occupying the dwelling and owning title, or partial title, thereto is 65 years of age or older on December 31 of the year immediately preceding the taxable year. Such dwelling must be occupied

- as the sole dwelling of the person or persons not less than 65 years of age; and
- (3) provided total combined income during the immediately preceding calendar year from all sources of the owner of the dwelling living therein and of the owner's relatives living in the dwelling shall not exceed \$44,000.00; provided, that the first \$5,568.00 of income other than spouse of the owner shall not be included in such total; and
 - (4) The net combined financial worth, including equitable interests, as of December 31 of the immediately preceding calendar year, of the owner and the spouse of any owner, excluding the value of the dwelling and the land, not exceeding one acre, upon which it is situated shall not exceed \$100,000.00.

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- (3) If, after audit and investigation, the Town Treasurer determines that the person is qualified for exemption, they shall issue to the person a credit which shall show the amount of the exemption from the claimant's real estate tax liability upon the qualifying dwelling and land, not exceeding one acre; and
- (4) Changes in respect to income, financial worth, ownership of property or other factors occurring during the taxable year for which the application is filed and having the effect of exceeding or violating the limitations and conditions provided herein, or by any ordinance adopted hereafter, shall nullify any exemption for the then current taxable year and the taxable year immediately following.

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- (2) The surviving spouse of a Veteran eligible set forth in this article shall also qualify for the exemption, so long as the death of the Veteran occurs on or after January 1, 2011, and the surviving spouse does not remarry. The exemption applies without any restriction on the spouse's moving to a different principal place of residence.

The Veteran or surviving spouse claiming the exemption under this article shall file with the Washington County Commissioner of Revenue, and the Town of Treasurer, in which the real property is located, on forms to be supplied by the Commissioner of Revenue and Town Treasurer, an affidavit or written statement:

- (1) Setting forth the name of the disabled Veteran and the name of the spouse, if any, also occupying the real property; and
- (2) Indicating whether the real property is jointly owned by a husband and wife; and
- (3) Certifying that the real property is occupied as the Veteran's principal place of residence. The Veteran shall also provide documentation from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, or its successor agency, indicating that the Veteran has a 100% service-connected, permanent, and total disability. The Veteran shall be required to re-file the information required by this section only if the Veteran's principal place of residence changes. In the event of a surviving spouse of a Veteran claiming the exemption, the surviving spouse shall also provide documentation that the Veteran's death occurred on or after January 1, 2011.

Secs. 66-46—66-55. Reserved.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that said foregoing amendment to Chapter 66, - Taxation, Article II - Real Property Tax - Division 2. Relief for Elderly and Handicapped, §66-42 of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia, become effective on _____, 2024.

CERTIFICATE

Pursuant to Section 2-100 of the Code of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia, I hereby certify that I have reviewed the foregoing proposed ordinance to repeal, amend and reenact Chapter 66-Taxation; Article II - Real Property Tax; Division 2. Relief for Elderly and Handicapped, and find it to be in correct form, as set forth above, this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Cameron Bell

This ordinance was adopted on _____, 2024 to take effect on _____, 2024.

Amanda Pillion, Mayor

The undersigned Clerk of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia (the “Town”), hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of an ordinance duly adopted at a meeting of the Council held on the ____ day of _____, 2024. I hereby certify that such meeting was a regularly scheduled meeting and that, during the consideration of the foregoing ordinance, a quorum was present. I further certify that the minutes of meeting was a regularly scheduled meeting and that, during the consideration of the foregoing ordinance, a quorum was present. I further certify that the minutes of such meeting reflect the attendance of the members and the voting on the foregoing ordinance was as follows:

MEMBERS	ATTENDANCE	VOTE
Amanda Pillion, Mayor		
Dwyane Anderson, Vice Mayor		
Derek Webb		
Donna Quetsch		
Wayne Austin		

WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of the Town of Abingdon as of _____, 2024.

(SEAL) _____



Abingdon Town Council Monthly Town Hall Meeting Request Form

Public interest is encouraged and welcomed. To accomplish all business on the agenda and be respectful of everyone's time, citizens are invited to submit requests to the Town Manager/Clerk at least seven (7) business days prior to the meeting to have a specific topic included on the agenda.

Full Legal Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Town/City

State

I wish to offer dialogue on this Town Hall meeting topic:

Please furnish detailed information to ensure that the Council, administrative staff, and Town Manager can be aware of the topical area.

(Attach additional pages as necessary)

*Your answer does not determine whether the topic will be included in the Town Hall meeting but will assist the Council in organizing topics. For the topics that Town Council chooses to add to the agenda, Council in its discretion will limit discussion to fifteen minutes per topic.

Meeting Date Requested: _____

Email address: _____

Thank you for submitting your topic. This is a new tool the Town Council is utilizing to gather topics. Town staff will continue to develop and refine policy related to Town Hall

meetings. For any inquiries, please contact Kim Kingsley, Clerk at kkingsley@abingdon-va.gov

*Three Month Rule - I acknowledge that I have read the following statement: Once the Council has heard a presentation from an individual or organization on a particular subject, the individual or organization may not make another presentation on the same subject within three months of the first presentation, except by a majority vote of the Councilmembers present and voting.

*Decorum and prohibited content: All persons appearing before the Council or in the Council Chamber while a meeting of the Council is in session will not be allowed to: campaign for public office; promote private business ventures; use profanity or vulgar language or gestures; use language which insults or demeans any person which, when directed at a public office or employee, is not related to their official duties, however, citizens have the right to comment on the performance, conduct, and qualifications of public officials; make non-germane or frivolous statements; interrupt other speakers or engage in behavior that disrupts the meeting, including but not limited to, applause, cheers, jeers, etc.; engage in behavior that intimates others; or, address the Council on issues that do not concern the services, policies, or affairs of the Council or the Town.

I acknowledge that I have read and will comply with the Decorum and Prohibited Content Statement:



**PUBLIC DOCUMENT –
SUBJECT TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**

APPLICATION EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2023

Board and Commission Application

The Abingdon Town Council has adopted this application for use by individuals interested in appointment to any of the Town's advisory boards and commissions. To ensure your application will receive full consideration, please answer all questions completely. Questions? Call 276-492-2149

Please return this application either:

- **In person (3rd floor of the Town Hall), 133 West Main Street, Abingdon, VA;**
- **By mail, Boards and Commissions, Town of Abingdon, P.O. Box 789, Abingdon, VA 24212; or**
- **kkingsley@abingdon-va.gov**

*****PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE*****

Name Grayson Toler Date: 4/5/2024

Address 230 Grove Terrace Dr SW City/State Abingdon, VA Zip 24210

Do you live inside the Town limits of Abingdon? Yes No

Telephone: 276-698-7673

Email Address: (required) rgtoler7@gmail.com

Place of Employment: **City of Bristol, VA** _____

Address: 300 Lee St. Bristol, VA 24201

Description of job duties: City Engineer; Oversee engineering dept. review and approve development plans, review stormwater and roadway infrastructure

Educational background: BS Civil Engineering, Virginia Tech

Are you currently serving on a board or commission of the Town of Abingdon? Yes _____ No x

If so, which Board(s) or Commission(s)? _____

When do(es) your present term(s) expire? (mm/yy) _____

Have you ever served on any boards or commissions in the past, either Abingdon or in other localities?
Yes ___ No x

If so, name and date(s) of service? _____

Why do you wish to serve the Town in this capacity? Do you have an area of interest or background that you believe would be a beneficial service in this capacity? If so, what is it and how would it be helpful? *As someone who grew up in Abingdon. I love the town and wish to see its continued historic preservation as well as development improvements that make the town a desirable place to live as well as a wonderful place to visit. My background in Civil Engineering could be beneficial in a multitude of the boards selected below.*

Are you presently more than 30 days delinquent on Town of Abingdon taxes? Yes _____ No x

To the best of my ability, all information on this application is true and correct.

SIGNATURE  _____

Thank you for your interest in appointment to the Town's Advisory Boards and Commissions. **

Members of the Planning Commission, Economic Development Authority, Board of Zoning Appeals, Housing and Redevelopment Authority, and Historic Preservation Review Board are required to complete a Statement of Economic Interest.

Please circle any other committees you are willing to serve on:

Board of Building Code Appeals **	<u>Planning Commission */**</u>
Board of Zoning Appeals	Recreation Advisory Commission
<u>Economic Development Authority</u>	Sinking Spring Cemetery Committee **
<u>Infrastructure Advisory Committee</u>	<u>Sustain Abingdon Committee</u>
<u>Historic Preservation Review Board */**</u>	Tourism Advisory Committee **
<u>Housing and Redevelopment Authority</u>	Tree Commission
Abingdon Arts Commission	Virginia Highlands Small Business Incubator
Veterans Advisory Board	

***May be required to attend training and/or obtain certification during term**

****Appointment contingent upon residency, qualified voter, or other qualifications as set forth in Ordinance and/or bylaws**

Note: All applicants are subject to background verification.