

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 162//17

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF CHURCH HILL, MARYLAND, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF CHURCH HILL FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2017 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2018; ESTABLISHING A TAX RATE OF \$0.34 PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUATION FOR REAL PROPERTY; ESTABLISHING A UTILITY TAX RATE OF \$0.85 PER \$100 ASSESSED VALUATION FOR REAL PROPERTY; ESTABLISHING A SEWER FEE OF \$315 PER EQUIVALENT DWELLING UNIT; AND PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND BAY RESTORATION FUND ANNUAL FEE OF \$60

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority contained in Md. Local Government Code Ann. §5-205, the Commissioners of the Town of Church Hill, Maryland (the “Town”) has the authority to authorize the expenditure of municipal funds for any public purpose and to affect the safety, health and general welfare of the municipality and its occupants; and

WHEREAS, the Charter of the Town of Church Hill requires that the Commissioners of the Town of Church Hill adopt a budget before the end of the current fiscal year which shall provide a complete financial plan for the upcoming fiscal year and shall contain estimates of anticipated revenues and proposed expenditures with anticipated revenues equaling or exceeding the total proposed expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the Town Charter, Section 504 “Budget Adoption” requires that the Commission hold a public hearing on the proposed budget before its adoption, which public hearing was held on Monday, June 5, 2017; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 209, “Ordinances”, of the Town Charter, ordinances may be passed at a meeting of the Commission held not less than six (6) nor more than sixty (60) days after the meeting at which it was introduced, except, in the case of an emergency. Furthermore, Section 209 states that every ordinance passed shall become effective at the expiration of twenty (20) calendar days following approval by the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the Town of Church Hill desire to maintain the Town tax rate at a rate of \$0.34 per \$100 of assessed valuation for real property, and further desires to maintain the utility tax rate at a rate of \$0.85 per \$100 of assessed valuation of real property; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the Town of Church Hill desire to maintain the Town Sewer Fee of \$315 per equivalent dwelling unit for the continued operation of the Sewer System; and

WHEREAS, it is the determination of the Commissioners of the Town of Church Hill that this annual appropriation ordinance shall be enacted to budget and appropriate funds for the several objects and purposes for which the Town must provide in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Commissioners of the Town of Church Hill, Maryland, with the total elected membership concurring, that:

Section 1. From and out of the monies and balances known to be in the General Fund, Revenue Sharing Fund, Sewer Fund and Contingency Funds, from and out of operating transfers, and from all monies anticipated to come into those funds during the twelve (12) month period ending June 30, 2018, the funds set forth in Exhibit A shall be, and are hereby appropriated for use by the several departments and offices of the Town from the sources of anticipated revenue set forth in Exhibit A for the objects and purposes for which the Town must provide during the 2018 Fiscal Year. **SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT A.**

Section 2. **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED**, that the outstanding appropriations at Fiscal Year 2017 year-end shall expire on June 30, 2017 and shall be re-appropriated by this budget ordinance in Fiscal Year 2018.

Section 3. **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED**, that the real property tax rate for the Town of Church Hill shall be and is hereby established at a rate of \$0.34 per \$100 of assessed valuation for real property. The tax rate is the same rate as the prior fiscal year.

Section 4. **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED**, that the utility tax rate assessed on the personal property of utility companies in the Town for the Town of Church Hill shall be and is hereby established at a rate of \$0.85 per \$100 of assessed valuation for real property. The utility tax rate is the same rate as the prior fiscal year.

Section 5. **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED**, that in the Sewer Budget, the Sewer Fee shall be and is hereby established at \$315 per EDU, which is the same rate as the prior fiscal year.

Section 6. **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED**, by the Commissioners of Church Hill, Maryland that the Town Commissioners conducted a public hearing on this Ordinance

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at which parties of interest and citizens had an opportunity to be heard on the 5th day of June, 2017.

Section 7. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) calendar days following adoption by the Town Commissioners after a public hearing regarding this Ordinance.

Section 8. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED, that upon adoption, a copy of this Ordinance shall be posted on the Town bulletin board for a period not less than one week after it becomes effective.

INTRODUCED by the Commissioners of the Town of Church Hill, Maryland at a regular meeting on May 15, 2017.

PASSED by the Commissioners of the Town of Church Hill, Maryland, after a duly advertised public hearing at a regular meeting of the Commissioners on the 5th day of June, 2017.

ATTEST:

THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF
CHURCH HILL

Nancy Lindyberg
Town Administrator/Clerk

John P. Griffin, Sr., President

Charles M. Rhodes, Jr., Commissioner

Edward C. Raffetto, Jr. Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND SUFFICIENCY:

Karen Ruff, Esquire, Town Attorney

Effective Date of Ordinance: June 25, 2017

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