

**TOWN OF ROCK HALL, MARYLAND**

**EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2022-02**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE FOR the purpose of adopting the budget and setting the real property tax rate for the Town of Rock Hall's 2023 Fiscal Year; providing that the title of this Ordinance shall be deemed a fair summary and generally relating to the budget and real property tax rate of the Town.**

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Local Gov't § 5-205(a) and (b), a Maryland municipality may provide for the control and management of its finances and make expenditures for the safety, health, and general welfare of the municipality and its occupants; and**

**WHEREAS, the Council of the Town of Rock Hall (the "Council") recognizes the need to annually develop and implement a financial plan and budget; and**

**WHEREAS, pursuant to § 704 of the Charter of the Town of Rock Hall (the "Charter"), the fiscal year of the Town of Rock Hall (the "Town") begins on the first day of July and ends on the last day of June in each year; and**

**WHEREAS, pursuant to § 705 of the Charter, the Mayor, at least 32 days before the beginning of any fiscal year, shall submit a budget to the Council providing a complete financial plan for the upcoming budget year and containing estimates of anticipated revenues and proposed expenditures, with the total of the anticipated revenues equaling or exceeding the total of the proposed expenditures; and**

**WHEREAS, pursuant to § 310 of the Charter, no ordinance shall be passed by the Council at the meeting at which it is introduced, and every ordinance shall become effective at the expiration of 20 calendar days following approval by the Council; provided, however, that in case of emergency, the provision that an ordinance may not be passed at the meeting at which it is introduced may be suspended by the affirmative votes of four members of the Council, and emergency ordinances shall become effective on the date specified in the ordinance; and**

**WHEREAS, the Mayor has submitted a proposed budget to the Council for the Town's 2023 Fiscal Year; and**

**WHEREAS, pursuant to § 706 of the Charter, before adopting the budget, the Council shall hold a public hearing and may insert new items or increase or decrease the items of the budget; and**

**WHEREAS**, the Council held a public hearing on June 30, 2022 on the proposed budget and real property tax rate for the Town's 2023 Fiscal Year, having published public notice thereof for at least two weeks prior thereto in the Kent County News, a newspaper of general circulation in the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council, after due and careful consideration has concluded that the budget attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein and the tax rate set forth herein below for the Town's 2023 Fiscal Year are fair, just, equitable, and fiscally responsible; and

**WHEREAS**, it is essential for the good government of the Town and the public health, safety, and welfare that the Council have a duly enacted budget in effect on of July 1, 2022 for the Town's 2023 Fiscal Year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council deems it appropriate to pass this Ordinance as an Emergency Ordinance pursuant to § 310 of the Charter in order for it to be effective as of July 1, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the emergency was not caused by any undue delay or dilatory conduct on the part of the Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the Council of the Town of Rock Hall that the budget for the Town's 2023 Fiscal Year attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein be and it is hereby adopted and approved.

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED** that the real property tax rate for all real property in the corporate limits of the Town for the Town's 2023 Fiscal Year is set at \$0.38 per \$100.00 of assessed valuation.

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED AND ENACTED** that this Ordinance is not intended to, and shall not, be codified as part of the Code of the Town of Rock Hall.

This Ordinance was introduced at a public meeting of the Council of the Town of Rock Hall, held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022 and having been reviewed and considered for final action after a public hearing on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022, was duly passed and enacted on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022.

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF  
ROCK HALL, MARYLAND, that this Ordinance shall become effective on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of  
July, 2022.

**VOTE:**

YEAS: 4

NAYES: 0

ABSTAINING: \_\_\_\_\_

Dawn E. Jacobs yes  
Dawn Jacobs, Mayor (VOTE)

Carolyn Jones yes  
Carolyn Jones, Vice Mayor (VOTE)

Absent  
Timothy Edwards, Councilmember (VOTE)

Eleanor Collyer yes  
Eleanor Collyer, Councilmember (VOTE)

James Cook yes  
James Cook, Councilmember (VOTE)

Approved as to form:

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Patrick Thomas, Town Attorney