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TOWN OF BRENTWOOD

ORDINANCE NO: 2015-01

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE TAX RATE, ADOPTING AN ANNUAL BUDGET, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016, BEGINNING JULY 1, 2015 and ENDING JUNE 30, 2016

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 6-303 of the Tax-Property Article of the *Annotated Code of Maryland*, by July 1st of each year, the Council of the Town of Brentwood shall set the tax rate for the next fiscal year on all assessments of property subject to municipal corporations property tax; and

WHEREAS, the proposed tax rate for Fiscal Year 2016 will not exceed the Constant Yield Tax Rate of \$0.4107 per \$100 assessed valuation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Town of Brentwood Charter Section 601-0, Mayor Rocio Treminio-Lopez submitted a recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2016 at the Council Meeting of April 7, 2015, for its review and consideration; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget provided a complete financial plan for Fiscal Year 2016 and contained estimates of anticipated revenues and proposed expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Brentwood Charter Section 603-0 requires the Council to conduct public hearings on the proposed budget prior to adoption of the budget; and

WHEREAS, the Council discussed and amended the proposed budget at workshops on April 14 and 16, and public hearings held on the following dates: April 21 and 28, 2015, after appropriate notice in a newspaper having general circulation within the Town; and

WHEREAS, after consideration of the recommended budget submitted by the Mayor and the comments that were made at the public hearings on the proposed budget and tax rate, the Council adopts the budget and tax rates as set forth in the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Brentwood Charter, Section 404.0, **Ordinances**, states that "No ordinance shall be passed at the meeting at which it is introduced,..." but such ordinance "...shall be passed or passed as amended, or rejected, or its consideration deferred to some specified future date..." at any regular or special meeting of the Council "...held no less than six or more than sixty days after the meeting at which any ordinance was introduced"; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BRENTWOOD this 28th day of April, 2015, as follows:

SECTION ONE. Tax Rate- Real Property.

The tax rate for all real property subject to taxation by the Town of Brentwood is hereby set at forty-one and 7/10 cents (\$0.4107) per \$100.00 of assessed valuation for Fiscal Year 2016, beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.

SECTION TWO. Tax Rate – Personal Property.

The tax rate for all personal property subject to taxation by the Town of Brentwood shall be one dollar and seventy-five cents (\$1.75) per \$100.00 assessed valuation for Fiscal Year 2016, beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.

SECTION THREE. Tax Rate – Utility Personal Property.

The tax rate for all operating property of railroads and public utilities subject to taxation by the Town of Brentwood shall be two dollars (\$2.00) per \$100.00 assessed valuation for Fiscal Year 2016, beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.

SECTION FOUR. Fee Rate – Multiple Rental Dwelling Units

The fee rate for all multiple rental dwelling units subject to taxation by the Town of Brentwood shall be one-hundred dollars (\$100.00) per unit assessed valuation for Fiscal Year 2016, beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.

SECTION FIVE. Fee Rate – Business License

The fee rate(s) for business licenses subject to taxation by the Town of Brentwood shall be one thousand, five hundred dollars (\$1500.00) for Tier I businesses, three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for Tier II businesses, two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for Tier III businesses, and one hundred dollars for Tier IV businesses for Fiscal Year 2016, beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016. The due date for such fees will be July 30, 2015.

SECTION SIX. Fee Rate - Vacant Lot

The fee rate(s) for vacant lot registration subject to taxation by the Town of Brentwood shall be five hundred-fifty dollars (\$550.00) for vacant lot registration (residential) and (commercial) properties for Fiscal Year 2016, beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016. All other assessments shall be in accordance with Town of Brentwood Ordinance 2014-02, hereby incorporated by reference.

SECTION SEVEN. Fee Rate - Animal Violations

The fee rate(s) for animal violations shall be in accordance with Town of Brentwood Ordinance 2014-01, hereby incorporated by reference.

SECTION EIGHT. Fee Rate - Unsafe Buildings

The fee rate(s) for unsafe buildings shall be two-hundred dollars (\$200.00) for the initial notification to owner. Failure to comply with the notification shall incur a two-hundred dollars (\$200.00) penalty, if failure to comply continues for 60 days, an additional two-hundred dollars (\$200.00) fee shall be assessed. Failure to comply with notice to vacate shall incur a three-hundred and fifty dollars (\$350.00) fee for the first offense, a six-hundred dollars (\$600.00) fee for the second offense, an eight-hundred dollars (\$800.00) fee for the third offense; and a one-thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for the fourth offense. Placard removal shall incur a seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) fee for the first offense, one-hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) fee for the second offense in the same year. All other assessments shall be in accordance with Town of Brentwood Ordinance 2014-02, and hereby incorporated by reference.

SECTION NINE. Fee Rate-Vacant Building

The fee rate(s) for vacant building registration subject to taxation by the Town of Brentwood shall be three-hundred dollars (\$300.00) for vacant building registration (residential) and six-hundred dollars (\$600.00) for vacant building registration (commercial) properties for Fiscal Year 2016, beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016. All other assessments shall be in accordance with Town of Brentwood Ordinance 2014-02, and hereby incorporated by reference.

SECTION TEN. Fee Rate Building Permits

The fee rates for building permits shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for a building project over two-hundred dollars (\$200.00) for which no county building permit is required and fifty percent (50%) of the cost of the county permit fee for a building project over two-hundred dollars (\$200.00) for which a county building permit is required for Fiscal Year 2016, beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.

SECTION ELEVEN. Salary Adjustments

Unless otherwise noted all employees shall receive a 1.5% cost of living increase for Fiscal Year 2016, beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016. All remaining salary increases provided for in the budget shall be based on performance and provided after the conclusion of any applicable probationary period and a performance evaluation. Letters documenting such salary increases shall be included in the personnel file of each employee.

SECTION TWELVE. GENERAL FUND- REVENUES

The following amounts shall be adopted and appropriated as the General Fund budget for all revenue for Fiscal Year 2016, beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.

	Mayor's Proposed FY 2016 Budget	Council's Adopted FY 2016 Budget
REVENUES:		
PROPERTY TAXES	\$890,750	\$893,754
OTHER TAXES	\$166,995	\$174,959
LICENSES & PERMITS	\$103,025	\$107,725
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	\$8,380	\$8,380
CHARGE FOR SERVICE REVENUE	\$5,000	\$5,000
FINES REVENUE	\$4,000	\$4,500
CABLE TV & VERIZON FEES	\$57,575	\$57,575

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	\$5,300	\$4,800
PRIOR YEAR CARRY OVER	\$19,000	\$39,248
COMMUNITY FUND RAISING/RAFFLES	\$0	\$0
BRENTWOOD POLICE NON-GRANT REVENUE	\$161,214	\$231,214
RESTRICTED REVENUES	\$756,500	\$823,644
TOTAL REVENUES	\$2,177,739	\$2,350,799

SECTION THIRTEEN. GENERAL FUND- EXPENDITURES

The following amounts shall be adopted and appropriated as the General Fund budget for all expenditures for Fiscal Year 2016, beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.

EXPENDITURES:

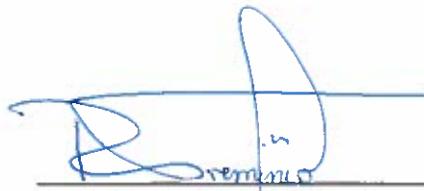
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$400,049	\$444,320
ELECTED OFFICIAL COST	\$16,752	\$16,752
CODES MANAGEMENT	\$107,803	\$59,867
BRENTWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT (BPD)	\$480,717	\$481,822
BRENTWOOD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$3,700	\$3,700
MAINTENANCE	\$223,265	\$202,441
PUBLIC WAYS AND LIGHTING	\$83,000	\$81,500
SANITATION	\$161,900	\$158,900
OUTDOOR RESTROOM/SPRINKLERS	\$1,900	\$1,900
RECREATION	\$11,102	\$9,800
CABLE TELEVISION	\$53,651	\$53,139
TOWN CENTER RESTORATION	\$50,000	\$50,000
UNFORESEEN CONTINGENCY	\$0	\$13
RESTRICTED EXPENSES	\$583,900	\$786,644
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$2,177,739	\$2,350,799
NET SURPLUS/(LOSS)	\$0	\$0

SECTION FOURTEEN. PROVISIONS SEVERABLE. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be construed as severable and should any section or part thereof be held unconstitutional or for any reason invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction hereto the unaffected portions thereof shall remain valid and shall be given full force and effect.

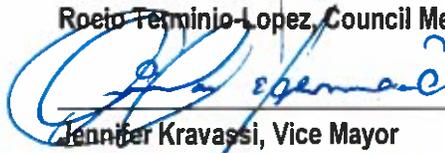
SECTION FIFTEEN. CONFLICTS: All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with any other Ordinance and any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION SIXTEEN: EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall become effective at the expiration of thirty (30) calendar days following its adoption or July 1, 2015, whichever is later.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of APRIL, 2015.



Rocio Termino-Lopez, Council Member



Jennifer Kravassi, Vice Mayor



Jason Barnett, Council Member

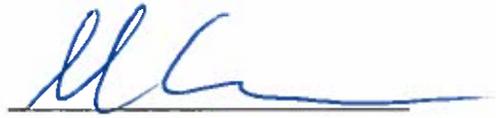


Jennifer Murphy, Council Member



Victor Olano, Council Member

ATTEST:



, Town Clerk

