

Agenda  
Board of Supervisors  
Isle of Wight County  
June 1, 2023

1. Call to Order (6:00 P.M.)
2. Invocation – Supervisor Rudolph Jefferson
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Public Hearings
  - A. Tax Ordinance  
Ordinance to Set the Tax Rates
5. County Administrator's Report
  - A. Ordinance Amendments  
Discussion of Various Amendments to the Isle of Wight Code of Ordinances
  - B. Energy Task Force  
Initial Meeting/At-Large Appointment to the County's Energy Task Force
6. Adjournment

**ISSUE:**

Ordinance to Set the Tax Rates

**BACKGROUND:**

At its regular meeting on May 11, 2023, the Board adopted its operating and capital budgets for FY2023-24. The Board also recently received information relative to the impacts of a recently completed general real estate reassessment.

The estimated revenue neutral tax rate is \$0.66/\$100 value.

**BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

Adoption of the appropriate tax rate is required to generate revenues necessary to fund the budget.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Hold a public hearing. Adopt the ordinance to set tax rates.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

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| Ordinance - Tax Rates | Ordinance | 5/30/2023      |

**AN ORDINANCE TO IMPOSE TAX RATES FOR  
ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY, VIRGINIA FOR  
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024**

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Isle of Wight, Virginia, to-wit:

- Section 1: That there is hereby levied for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, a tax of \$0.71 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation on all taxable real estate, and all real and personal property of public service corporations in accordance with Section 58.1-2606 of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended).
- Section 2: That there is hereby levied for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, a tax of \$1.95 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation on machinery and tools used in businesses as defined in Section 58.1-3507 of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended).
- Section 3: That there is hereby levied for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, a tax of \$1.00 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of boats, watercraft and aircraft as defined in Section 58.1-3606 of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended).
- Section 4: That there is hereby levied for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, a tax of \$0.32 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation on watercraft, including vessels and ships, weighing five tons or more, excluding privately owned pleasure boats and watercraft used for recreational purposes only.
- Section 5: That there is hereby levied for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, a tax of one-half (1/2) of one percent (1%) of the gross receipts on telephone and telegraph companies, water companies, heat, light and power companies, except electric suppliers, gas utilities and gas suppliers as defined in Section 58.1-400.2 of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended) and pipeline distribution companies as defined in Section 58.1-2600 of said Code, accruing from sales to the ultimate consumer in the County of Isle of Wight, Virginia, pursuant to Section 58.1-3731 of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended), however, in the case of telephone companies, charges for long distance telephone calls shall not be included in gross receipts for purposes of license taxation.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance be entered in the Minutes of this Board of Supervisors and that a copy thereof by the Clerk of this Board, be furnished to the Treasurer of this County.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of June, 2023.

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William M. McCarty, Sr., Chairman  
Isle of Wight County, Virginia,  
Board of Supervisors

Attest:

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Carey Mills Storm, Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Robert W. Jones, Jr.  
County Attorney

## **ISSUE:**

Discussion of Various Amendments to the Isle of Wight Code of Ordinances

## **BACKGROUND:**

Staff will review and update the Board on various recommended revisions to the County's ordinance.

The County Attorney will also update the Board relative to revisions to the ordinance regarding discharging firearms.

The County's current ordinance is as follows:

### **Sec. 12-11.1 - Discharging firearms.**

(a) No person shall discharge any firearm within the county within one thousand feet of a (i) platted subdivision; (ii) business establishment; (iii) public building; (iv) public gathering; or (v) public meeting place, unless engaged in lawful hunting. For purposes of this subsection (a), a "platted subdivision" shall mean a single-family residential subdivision of more than five lots platted at the same time.

(b) Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor.

(c) This section shall not apply to a (i) law-enforcement officer in the performance of his official duties; (ii) any person whose discharge of a firearm is justifiable or excusable at law in the protection of life or property; (iii) the discharge, on land zoned for agricultural use, of a firearm for the killing of deer pursuant to Section 29.1-529 of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended); (iv) the discharge of a firearm that is otherwise specifically authorized by law; (v) the discharge of black powder firearms using blanks as part of historical re-enactments, historical living history programs and historical demonstrations; (vi) the discharge of starter blank weapons to initiate athletic competitions; or (vii) ceremonial and patriotic displays. (10-2-08.)

*For state law as to authority of the county to regulate the discharge of firearms, see Code of Va., §§ 15.2-1209, 18.2-280 and 29.1-527.*

## **BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

None.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Per the Board's discussion and direction.

**ISSUE:**

Initial Meeting/At-Large Appointment to the County's Energy Task Force

**BACKGROUND:**

The initial meeting of the Energy Task Force has been set for June 5, 2023.

At its regular meeting on February 23, 2023, the Board adopted a motion to create an Energy Task Force consisting of seven members, with one from each election district and two at-large members. The Board, at that meeting, appointed Thomas Distefano to serve on the Task Force representing District 2. The Board, at its March 16, 2023 meeting further appointed Louie Edmond to represent District 4; Lynn Barlow Briggs to represent District 1; and, David Tucker to represent District 3.

The Board subsequently discussed appointing representatives from the Towns of Smithfield and Windsor as the At-Large appointees. At its meeting on May 31, 2023, the Windsor Town Council selected Edward "Gibby" Dowdy as its recommended appointee to the Task Force. The Board may wish to appoint Mr. Dowdy as the At-Large appointee for the Town of Windsor.

**BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

None.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Per the Board's discussion and direction.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

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| Energy Task Force Appointments Page | Backup Material | 5/1/2023    |

## ENERGY TASK FORCE

| District | Appointees         | Appointment |      |
|----------|--------------------|-------------|------|
| 1        | Lynn Barlow Briggs | March       | 2023 |
| 2        | Thomas Destefano   | February    | 2023 |
| 3        | David Tucker       | March       | 2023 |
| 4        | Lewis Edmonds      | March       | 2023 |
| 5        | VACANT             |             |      |
| At-Large | VACANT             |             |      |
| At-Large | VACANT             |             |      |