

**NOTICE OF LEVY ELECTION  
TO BE HELD IN MERCER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA  
ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2018**

An Order Authorizing a Levy Election Under the  
Provisions of West Virginia Code  
Chapter 11, Article 8, Section 16,  
To Provide Funds for the Operation of the  
Mercer County Economic Development Authority,  
Mercer County Health Department,  
and  
Mercer County Commission for:  
Mercer County Infrastructure Investment, Securement, and Environmental Control

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the County Commission of Mercer County, West Virginia:

Section 1: The County Commission of Mercer County, West Virginia, is of the opinion, and does hereby find:

(a) That the following organizations are providing vital public services to the citizens of Mercer County, West Virginia, and that such organizations are as follows: Mercer County Economic Development Authority, the Mercer County Health Department, and the Mercer County Commission for: Mercer County Infrastructure Investment, Securement and Environmental Control.

(b) That the aforesaid organizations are funded for operation in Mercer County, West Virginia, in an amount to adequately operate said organizations until June 30, 2019, and that the aforesaid organizations on and after July 1, 2019, will only have adequate funds for operation in Mercer County, West Virginia and not allow for appropriate expansion of services, and or opportunities for county growth;

(c) That for the aforesaid organizations to be operated beyond June 30, 2019, in an adequate manner to serve the citizens of Mercer County, additional revenues are needed;

(d) That for the good of the public welfare, it is necessary that an increase levy be utilized to fund the operation of the aforesaid organizations on and after July 1, 2019; and

(e) That the aforesaid organizations will be funded for the approximate amounts set

forth in this order and the Mercer County Commission will provide the amount allocated to each organization for each of the five fiscal years of the levy beginning July 1, 2019, July 1, 2020, July 1, 2021, July 1, 2022, and July 1, 2023.

Section 2: The purpose for which the increased levy funds are needed is to continue the operation of the aforesaid organizations at an adequate level of funding. This adequate level of funding for each of said organizations for five fiscal years beginning July 1, 2019, July 1, 2020, July 1, 2021, July 1, 2022, and July 1, 2023, is as follows:

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2019</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2020</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2021</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2022</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2023</b>
Mercer County Economic Development Authority	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Mercer Health Department	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b><i>Mercer County Commission for:</i></b>					
Mercer County Infrastructure Investment, Securement, And Environmental Control	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
<b><u>Totals</u></b>	<b>\$900,000</b>	<b>\$900,000</b>	<b>\$900,000</b>	<b>\$900,000</b>	<b>\$900,000</b>

Section 3: The total amount of funds needed for the purposes above stated is approximately \$900,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019; \$900,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020; \$900,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021; \$900,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022; and \$900,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023.

These funds will be used to provide for the continued operation organizations in Mercer County, West Virginia, and that such organizations are as follows: Mercer County Economic Development Authority, Mercer County Health Department, and Mercer County Commission for: Mercer County Planning Commission, Mercer County Infrastructure Investment, Securement, and Environmental Control (to assist with capital investment for economic growth, dilapidated structures, and land use maintenance) at an adequate level of funding, and said funds obtained from the levy will be used for the various services provided by each of the aforesaid organizations to the citizens and residents of Mercer County, West Virginia. The Mercer County Commission will each year provide the amount of funds from the levy to each organization in the amounts as set forth in this order.

In the event any of these entities or agencies would cease to exist, for whatever reason, the funding allocated to said entity or agency may be utilized by the Mercer County Commission for improvement projects at county owned operations covered by this levy order.

In the event that any funds may be obtained from the United States of America, State of West Virginia, or any other legal source, by gift, grant or otherwise, in aid of furtherance of the aforesaid purposes, then any of the aforesaid organizations shall be authorized to match such funds, if required by the granting authority, from the proceeds of the increased levy.

Section 4: The separate and aggregate assessed valuation of each class of taxable property within Mercer County, West Virginia, as shown by the last assessment thereof for State, County and City taxation is as follows:

Class I	\$0
Class II, III, IV	\$900,000
Total	\$900,000

Section 5: The proposed additional rate of levy in cents on each One Thousand Dollars (\$1000) assessed valuation of taxable property in Mercer County, West Virginia, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, to raise approximately \$900,000 allowing for 5% delinquencies and 2% discount is as follows:

Upon Class I Properties	5.00 cents
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Upon Class II, III, and IV Properties                      5.00 cents

Section 6:     The proposed additional rate of levy in cents on each One Thousand Dollars (\$1000) assessed valuation of taxable property in Mercer County, West Virginia, for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, to raise approximately \$900,000 allowing for 5% delinquencies and 2% discount is as follows:

Upon Class I Properties    5.00 cents

Upon Class II, III, and IV Properties                      5.00 cents

Section 7:     The proposed additional rate of levy in cents on each One Thousand Dollars (\$1000) assessed valuation of taxable property in Mercer County, West Virginia, for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, to raise approximately \$900,000 allowing for 5% delinquencies and 2% discount is as follows:

Upon Class I Properties    5.00 cents

Upon Class II, III, and IV Properties                      5.00 cents

Section 8:     The proposed additional rate of levy in cents on each One Thousand Dollars (\$1000) assessed valuation of taxable property in Mercer County, West Virginia, for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, to raise approximately \$900,000 allowing for 5% delinquencies and 2% discount is as follows:

Upon Class I Properties    5.00 cents

Upon Class II, III, and IV Properties                      5.00 cents

Section 9:     The proposed additional rate of levy in cents on each One Thousand Dollars (\$1000) assessed valuation of taxable property in Mercer County, West Virginia, for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, to raise approximately \$900,000 allowing for 5% delinquencies and 2% discount is as follows:

Upon Class I Properties    5.00 cents

Upon Class II, III, and IV Properties                      5.00 cents

Section 10: In the event the separate and aggregate assessed valuation of each class of taxable property within the County of Mercer increases during the term of the special levy, the levy rate shall be adjusted so that the projected tax collection will be a maximum of \$900,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019; a maximum of \$900,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020; a maximum of \$900,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021; a maximum of \$900,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022; and a maximum of \$900,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023.

Section 11: The proposed years to which the additional levy shall apply are the five fiscal years beginning July 1, 2019, July 1, 2020, July 1, 2021, July 1, 2022, and July 1, 2023.

Section 12: Upon approval of the proposed increased levy, the Mercer County Commission will not issue bonds as authorized by West Virginia Code Chapter 11, Article 8, Section 16, as amended.

Section 13: The question of laying such additional levy shall be submitted to the voters of Mercer County, West Virginia, in a primary election to be held in said County on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016, in accordance with the election laws of the State of West Virginia.

Section 14: The registration of voters and the use of registration books shall be governed by the permanent registration laws of the State of West Virginia, and the registration lists of Mercer County, West Virginia, as amended and corrected according to law, shall be the official registration list for such primary election.

Section 15: The Notice calling such election shall be given by the publication of this Order as a Class II-0 legal advertisement in compliance with the provisions of West Virginia Code, Chapter 59, Article 3 (1931 as amended) being published once a week for two (2) successive weeks prior to the date of the election in two (2) newspapers, of opposite politics, and of general circulation in Mercer County, West Virginia.

**Section 16:** The form of the ballot for such election shall be as follows:

Mercer County Levy for the Operation of the  
 Mercer County Economic Development Authority,  
 Mercer County Health Department, and  
 Mercer County Commission for:

Mercer County Infrastructure Investment, Securement, and Environmental Control  
 (to assist with capital investment for economic growth, dilapidated structures, and land use  
 maintenance)

Special election to authorize additional levies for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2019, July 1, 2020, July 1, 2021, July 1, 2022 and July 1, 2023, for the purpose of providing for the operation of the following organizations in the following amounts:

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2019</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2020</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2021</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2022</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2023</b>
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Mercer County Infrastructure Investment, Securement, And Environmental Control	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
<b><u>Totals</u></b>	<b>\$900,000</b>	<b>\$900,000</b>	<b>\$900,000</b>	<b>\$900,000</b>	<b>\$900,000</b>

In the event any of these entities or agencies would cease to exist, for whatever reason, the funding allocated to said entity or agency may be utilized by the Mercer County Commission for improvement projects at county owned operations covered by this levy order.

According to the Order of the Mercer County Commission, adopted on the INSERT DATE HERE. The funds raised will be used for providing adequate funding to operate the aforesaid organizations.

The additional levy, allowing for 5% delinquencies and 2% discount, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, shall be on Class II, III, and IV property 5.0 cents; per \$1000.00 valuation.

The additional levy, allowing for 5% delinquencies and 2% discount, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, shall be on Class II, III, and IV property 5.0 cents; per \$1000.00 valuation.

The additional levy, allowing for 5% delinquencies and 2% discount, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, shall be on Class II, III, and IV property 5.0 cents; per \$1000.00 valuation.

The additional levy, allowing for 5% delinquencies and 2% discount, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, shall be on Class II, III, and IV property 5.0 cents; per \$1000.00 valuation.

The additional levy, allowing for 5% delinquencies and 2% discount, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, shall be on Class II, III, and IV property 5.0 cents; per \$1000.00 valuation.

That in the event the separate and aggregate assessed valuation of each class of taxable property within the County of Mercer increases during the term of the special levy, the levy rate shall be adjusted so that the projected tax collection will be a maximum of \$900,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019; a maximum of \$900,000 for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020; a maximum of \$900,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021; a maximum of \$900,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022; and a maximum of \$900,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023.

(        )        Yes, for funding for Mercer County Economic Development Authority, Mercer County Health Department, and Mercer County Commission for: Mercer County Infrastructure Investment, Securement, and Environmental Control

(        )        No, for funding for Mercer County Economic Development Authority, Mercer County Health Department, and Mercer County Commission for: Mercer County Infrastructure Investment, Securement, and Environmental Control

Given under our hand and seal of the County of Mercer, this INSERT DATE HERE.

ENTERED:

Attest:

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Gene Buckner, President

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Verlin Moye, Clerk of the County  
Commission