

**CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA
January 9, 2024
6:30 p.m.**

- 1. Opening of meeting by Mayor John P. Hutchinson.**
- 2. Invocation by Rev. Renee B. Bethea, Pleasant Hill A.M.E. Zion Church.**
- 3. Amendments and Changes to Agenda.**
- 4. Consent Agenda:**

- A. Disposition of Minutes of the December 12, 2023 Regular Meeting.**
- B. Tax Collector's Report. (See Pages 4-9)**

Informational Items:

- 1.) Monthly Collection Report**
- 2.) Uncollected Taxes as of December 31, 2023.**

Action Items:

- 1.) Refunds per County Assessor's Office.**
- 2.) Discovery bills added to Tax Scroll.**
- 3.) Releases per County Assessor's Office.**

- C. Minutes of various boards.**

- 5. Business by Planning Board.**

- A. Set Public Hearing. (None)**
- B. Hold Public Hearing:**

- 1.) Hold Public Hearing: Hold public hearing for a UDO text amendment to Article 4 of the UDO to provide a potential density bonus for the redevelopment/conversion of existing nonresidential buildings to multi-family residential.
(See Pages 10-12)**

- 2.) Hold Public Hearing: Hold public hearing for a UDO text amendment to allow bed and breakfast inns as a permitted use in the Highway Business (B-3) zone. (See Pages 13-14)**

C. Minutes from Various Boards (None)

- 6. Consideration of a Demolition Ordinance for the dilapidated dwelling located at 1320 E Washington Street and identified as Richmond County PIN # 7473-14-34-5479. (See Pages 15 - 17 & Insert)**
- 7. Consideration of a Demolition Ordinance for the dilapidated dwelling located at 100 Copeland Street and identified as Richmond County PIN # 7463-03-30-4564. (See Pages 18 - 20 & Insert)**
- 8. Business by Visitors.**
- 9. Business by City Clerk.**
- 10. Business by City Manager.**
- 11. Items of discussion by City Council Members.**
- 12. Business by Mayor.**
 - A. Proclamation issued Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
(See Page 21)**
- 13. Adjournment.**

Rockingham, NC

City Council Agenda

SUPPORT DOCUMENTS

**CITY OF ROCKINGHAM
MONTHLY TAX COLLECTION REPORT**

MONTH: DECEMBER

YEAR: 2023

YEAR	AD VALOREM TAXES	COST AND INTEREST	TOTAL COLLECTED	PERCENT THIS DATE	YEAR TO DATE COLLECTIONS	SAME MONTH COLLECTIONS	PERCENT OF TOTAL
2024	449.21	334.86	449.21		1,345.94	350.92	
2023	1,074,155.68	-	1,074,490.54	77.55%	2,876,974.06	932,704.01	75.67%
2022	367.51	40.41	407.92	98.68%	13,204.86	942.03	99+%
2021	-	-	-	99+%	704.95	98.16	99+%
2020	-	-	-	99+%	286.17	-	99+%
2019	-	25.00	25.00	99+%	129.57	-	99+%
2018	-	-	-	99+%	57.55	48.14	99+%
2017	-	-	-	99+%	-	-	99+%
2016	-	-	-	99+%	-	-	99+%
2015	-	-	-	99+%	-	-	99+%
2014	-	-	-	99+%	-	-	99+%
2013	-	-	-	99+%	-	-	99+%
	1,074,972.40	400.27	1,075,372.67		2,892,703.10	934,143.26	

UNCOLLECTED TAXES

YEAR	AMOUNT	'DECEMBER 2023
2023	833,688.85	
2022	47,895.47	
2021	16,748.40	
2020	9,173.17	
2019	6,287.24	
2018	5,095.81	
2017	4,565.91	
2016	4,341.98	
2015	4,727.27	
2014	5,107.53	
2013	7,027.35	
	833,688.85	Total Current Year
	110,970.13	Total Past Years
	944,658.98	Total All Years

CITY OF ROCKINGHAM
 MONTHLY DISCOVERIES REGISTER
 DECEMBER 2023

<u>ACCT #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>BILL #</u>	<u>TAX RATE</u>	<u>YEAR OF DISCOVERY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>CITY TAX</u>	<u>CITY LATE</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>TOTAL AMOUNT</u>	
										0.00	
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										0.00	
										0.00	
TOTALS							0	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00

CITY OF ROCKINGHAM
MONTHLY REFUNDS REGISTER
DECEMBER 2023

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
DATE	ACCOUNT	NAME	EXPLANATION	YEAR	AMOUNT	LATE LIST	TAGS	INTEREST	REFUNDED	CHECK #
1	12/5/23	STATE EMPLOYEE	OVERPAYMENT ON							
2	56849301	CREDIT UNION	MORTGAGE	2023	299.49				299.49	85738
3	12/5/23	STATE EMPLOYEE	OVERPAYMENT ON							
3	39995301	CREDIT UNION	MORTGAGE	2023	257.85				257.85	85739
4	12/8/23	KEY, EARL & LYDIA	OVERPAYMENT <\$1	2023	0.01				0.01	
5	12/8/23	ALLEN, ANDREW	VEHICLE TAX	2023	4.69				4.69	85740
6	12/8/23	BURKE, MICHAEL	VEHICLE TAX	2023	5.90				5.90	85741
7	12/8/23	CURRIE, PENNY	VEHICLE TAX	2023	98.13			4.91	103.04	85745
8	12/8/23	GRIFFIN CHRYSLER	VEHICLE TAX	2023	123.90				123.90	85750
9	12/8/23	DODGE JEEP	VEHICLE TAX	2023	3.19				3.19	85751
10	12/8/23	HAYGOOD, JAMES	VEHICLE TAX	2023	12.23				12.23	85754
11	12/18/23	KELLY, WILLIAM	VEHICLE TAX	2023	0.14				0.14	
12		ACCENT HEALTH LLC	OVERPAYMENT <\$1	2023						
13									0.00	
14		TOTALS			\$805.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4.91	\$810.44	

CITY OF ROCKINGHAM
PAYMENT REVERSAL REGISTER
DECEMBER 2023

DATE	ACCOUNT	NAME	EXPLANATION	YEAR	REVERSE PAYMENT	REVERSE INTEREST PMT	REVERSE LATE LIST	REVERSE ADVERTISING	REVERSE SPECIAL ASMT PMT	TOTAL REVERSAL
										0.00
										0.00
										0.00
										0.00
										0.00
										0.00
										0.00
										0.00
					TOTALS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Staff Report to Planning and Zoning Board
Agenda Item: IV.A
December 5, 2023

Issue:

UDO Text Amendment: City staff has drafted an amendment to Article 4: "Dimensional Requirements" of the UDO to provide a potential density bonus for the redevelopment/conversion of existing nonresidential buildings to multi-family residential housing.

Background:

City staff has met with the new owner (Spark Rock, LLC) of the former Woods Warehouse located at 511 S. Hancock Street regarding possible redevelopment plans for the property. The property has been vacant for many years; and a habitual public nuisance for City Code Enforcement because vagrants frequently occupy the building. The subject property is zoned Highway Business (B-3). The new owner is interested in renovating the warehouse space for multi-family residential development which is allowed as a special use in the B-3 zone. The problem with this concept, however, is the City's density allowances for multi-family development are too restrictive to make the project anywhere near financially viable. The City's maximum allowable density for multi-family development in all the zones that allow multi-family is 8.29 units per acre (5,250 square feet of lot area for each unit). The subject property on which the warehouse is located is 0.9 acres in area; thus the maximum allowable density for the property under current zoning regulations is seven (7) units. Based on Richmond County tax records, the warehouse is 36,333 square feet in size (occupies most of the lot area), which is enough space to accommodate many more units than seven. The expected rent generated from only seven units does not justify the cost of conversion/renovation according to the property owner, and City staff agrees. Therefore, City staff has initiated the proposed text amendment in an attempt to facilitate the property redevelopment.

It should be noted that the density issue is not the only problem the property owner will have to overcome with redeveloping the 511 S. Hancock Street site. The ability to provide on-site parking is very limited. The property owner is aware the City will not approve any redevelopment plan for the site that is not in substantial compliance with the City parking regulations in terms of number of spaces provided. The owner is exploring the potential for leased and/or purchased property in close proximity to the site to accommodate the parking needs for the redevelopment.

Staff Comments:

1. The proposed amendment will create a new Section 4.10 under Article 4 in the City's UDO. A copy of the proposed amendment is included in the agenda packet for the Board's review.
2. As indicated in the proposed amendment, a density bonus is only allowed for existing nonresidential buildings in those zoning districts that allow multi-family residential uses; and such density bonus is only allowed as a special use approved by the Board of Adjustment on a case-by-case basis. The density bonus may be up to a 500 percent increase above that allowed in Section 4.01 of the UDO.
3. The proposed amendment will require substantial compliance with parking regulations as set forth in Article 10 of the UDO; and prohibit expanding the building footprint or height for additional residential space.
4. As applied to the former Woods Warehouse property, the proposed amendment would increase the maximum allowable density from seven (7) units to 35 units. As previously noted, the warehouse is 36,333 square feet in area according to the Richmond County tax records. If the warehouse is

renovated to accommodate the maximum density allowed under the proposed amendment, the average gross square footage per unit is approximately 1,038 square feet.

5. A second example of a potential benefit from the proposed amendment is the former County Administration building located at 125 S. Hancock Street. The building is now privately owned, and City staff previously discussed the possibility of conversion to apartments with the current owner. Based on the 0.66 acre lot size, a maximum of five units is allowed with current zoning density. With the proposed amendment, the maximum allowable density is 25 units. The building is 29,352 square feet in area according to Richmond County tax records. If the building is renovated to accommodate the maximum density allowed under the proposed amendment, the average gross square footage per unit is 1,174 square feet.
6. The proposed amendment will require substantial compliance with parking regulations as set forth in Article 10 of the UDO; and prohibit the expansion of the building footprint or height for additional residential space.
7. City staff views this text amendment as a type of financial incentive to encourage/facilitate investment in some older, either abandoned or underutilized buildings in the community - some of which of public nuisances in their current state.
8. The proposed text amendment is consistent with the City's land use plan in that it will assist in efforts to facilitate new, quality residential developments as a means of expanding the City's tax base, which is an objective under Goal #1. Also, Goal #2 is to improve the aesthetics and overall appearance of the community, and as previously stated, the proposed amendment incentivizes the redevelopment of vacant or underutilized buildings which are often eyesores in the community.

Staff Recommendation:

City staff recommends the Board review the proposed amendment and recommend the City Council amend the UDO as proposed.

Planning Board Recommendation:

The Planning Board reviewed the request at their regular meeting on December 5, 2023 and recommended unanimously the City Council amend the UDO as proposed in the text amendment.

Section 4.10: Density Bonuses for Multi-family Residential Uses in Existing Nonresidential Buildings

Existing nonresidential buildings or portions thereof located in the B-2, B-3, O-I, R-7, and R-7A zones proposed for renovation and conversion to multi-family residential units may be permitted to increase the maximum allowable density on the site by up to 500 percent above that authorized in Section 4.01 provided the following requirements are met.

- (A) Any density increase authorized pursuant to this Section shall require a special use permit issued by the Board of Adjustment and shall be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
- (B) Substantial compliance with parking requirements set forth in Article 10 of this Ordinance shall be required in order for a proposed redevelopment to receive any increase in density pursuant to this Section.
- (C) Any development utilizing a density increase authorized pursuant to this Section shall not be permitted to increase the existing building footprint or building height for additional residential floor space.
- (D) The maximum density authorized pursuant to this Section shall be calculated by dividing the total lot square footage by 5,250, rounding down to the nearest whole number, and then multiplying by five (5).

Staff Report to Planning and Zoning Board
Agenda Item: IV.B
December 5, 2023

Issue:

UDO Text Amendment: City staff has drafted an amendment to allow bed and breakfast inns as a permitted use in the Highway Business (B-3) zone.

Background:

The H.C. Watson house located at 526 S. Caroline Street is for sale and a prospective buyer is interested in operating a bed and breakfast inn at the location. The residence is a large historic home listed on the National Register. In 2005 at the request of the current property owner, the City Council rezoned the property frontage (250 depth) including the residence from High Density Residential (R-7) to Highway Business (B-3) so the current property owner could operate an antique store from the residence. The B-3 zone does not allow bed and breakfast inns as a permitted or special use.

As set forth in Section 3.05 of the UDO, hotels, motels, and extended stay facilities are allowed as a permitted use in the B-3 zone, but not bed and breakfast inns. During the last comprehensive UDO update in 2003, the Board omitted bed and breakfast inns from the B-3 zone primarily because there were few if any large historic homes zoned B-3 consider desirable for such use. The circumstances have changed now; thus, City staff drafted the proposed amendment to address the issue.

Staff Comments:

1. A copy of the proposed amended Section 3.05 of the UDO is included in the agenda packet for the Board's review.

Staff Recommendation:

City staff recommends the Board review the proposed amendment and recommend the City Council amend the UDO as proposed.

Planning Board Recommendation:

The Planning Board reviewed the request at their regular meeting on December 5, 2023 and recommended unanimously the City Council amend the UDO as proposed in the text amendment.

USE TABLE															
P = permitted by right P* = permitted subject to standards C = conditional use permit required															
USE CATEGORY	SPECIFIC USE	Residential Districts						Nonresidential Districts						Notes	
		R-20	R-12	R-9	R-8	R-7	R-7A	O-I	B-1	B-2	B-3	I-1	I-2		O-S
Entertainment (continued)	Horse stables and related facilities	C												C	
	Pool hall, game room, bingo parlor and similar uses									C	P				
	Automobile and motorcycle race track												C		
	Sexually oriented business										C				5.22
	Theater (in door)									P	P				
	Theater (drive-in)										C				
	Auditorium, assembly hall	C						P		P	P				
	Water slide, golf driving range, miniature golf, batting cage or similar use										P				
	Other indoor entertainment facilities									C	P				
	Other outdoor entertainment facilities	C									C				
Office	Bank, financial institution			C				P	P	P	P				5.20
	All types of office space			C				P	P	P	P				5.20
	All types of office space in existing commercial buildings			C			C	P	P	P	P				5.20
Overnight Accommodations	Hotel, motel									P	P				
	Bed and breakfast inn					P	P			P	P				
	Rooming house, boarding house					P	P			P					
	Extended stay facility									P	P				
Self-service Storage	All such uses										P*	P*	P*	5.21	
Restaurant	Restaurant with on premise consumption of alcoholic beverages or a drive-thru window								C	P	P				
	Restaurant without on premise consumption of alcoholic beverages and no drive-thru window								P	P	P				
Retail Sales and Personal Service	Convenience store with or without fuel sales								C	P	P	P	P		
	Produce market	C					C		P	P	P				
	Flea market or similar open air market										C				

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor John P. Hutchinson and City Council Members

From: John R. Massey, Jr., Assistant City Manager

Date: December 29, 2023

Re: Demolition Ordinance for Dilapidated Dwelling located at **1320 E. Washington Street**

City staff recommends the City Council approve a demolition ordinance for the dilapidated dwelling located at 1320 E. Washington Street and identified as Richmond County PIN 7473-14-34-5479. A copy of the demolition ordinance and photographs of the property are included in the agenda packet.

As background information, City staff initiated minimum housing proceedings in August of 2023. The property owner, Aretha Patterson-Mosfatt and parties of interest were notified of a hearing with the Code Enforcement Officer regarding the condition of the dwelling. The notice was sent via certified and regular mail; published in the Richmond County Daily Journal; and posted on the subject property. No one attended the hearing with the Code Enforcement Officer. The Code Enforcement Officer issued his findings of fact and directed the property owners to either repair or demolish the dwelling by January 2, 2024. Again, the notice was sent via certified and regular mail; published in the Richmond County Daily Journal; and posted on the subject property. The property owners have taken no action to date to address the dilapidated dwelling.

AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE BUILDING INSPECTOR TO REMOVE OR DEMOLISH THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED AS UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION AND DIRECTING THAT A NOTICE BE PLACED THEREON THAT THE SAME MAY NOT BE OCCUPIED.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Rockingham finds that the dwelling described herein is unfit for human habitation under the City Housing Code, and that all the procedures of the Housing Code have been complied with; and

WHEREAS, this dwelling should be removed or demolished, as directed by the Building Inspector, and should be placarded by placing thereon a notice prohibiting use for human habitation; and

WHEREAS, the owner of this dwelling, Aretha Patterson-Mosfatt has been given a reasonable opportunity to bring the dwelling up to the standards of the Housing Code in accordance with G.S. 160D-1203 pursuant to an order issued by the Building Inspector on October 4, 2023 and the owner has failed to comply with the order;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Rockingham, that:

- Section 1. The Building Inspector is hereby authorized and directed to place a placard containing the legend "*This building is unfit for human habitation; the use or occupation of this building for human habitation is prohibited and unlawful.*" on the building located at 1320 E. Washington Street and identified by Richmond County PIN# 7473-14-34-5479.
- Section 2. The Building Inspector is hereby authorized and directed to proceed to remove or demolish the above-described dwelling in accordance with his order to the owner thereof dated October 4, 2023 and in accordance with the Housing Code and G.S. 160D-1203.
- Section 3. (a) The cost of removal or demolition shall constitute a lien against the real property upon which the cost was incurred. The lien shall be filed in the office of the City Tax Collector and City Clerk, and shall have the same priority and be collected in the same manner as the lien for special assessments in Article 10 of G.S. Chapter 160A.
- (b) Upon completion of the required removal or demolition, the Building Inspector shall sell the materials of the dwelling and credit the proceeds against the cost of removal or demolition. The Building Inspector shall certify the remaining balance to the Tax Collector. If a surplus remains after sale of the materials and satisfaction of the cost of removal or demolition, the Building Inspector shall deposit the surplus in the Superior Court where it shall be secured and disbursed in the manner provided by G.S 160D-1203.

Section 4. It shall be unlawful for any person to remove or cause to be removed the placard from any building to which it is affixed. It shall likewise be unlawful for any person to occupy or to permit the occupancy of any building therein declared to be unfit for human habitation.

Section 5. This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2024

Mayor

Attest: _____
City Clerk

NORTH CAROLINA

RICHMOND COUNTY

I, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, certify that Sabrina Y. McDonald personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged that she is City Clerk of the City of Rockingham, a North Carolina municipal corporation, and that by authority duly given and as an act of the corporation, the foregoing instrument was signed in its name by its Mayor, sealed with its municipal seal and attested by herself as its City Clerk.

Witness my hand and official stamp or seal, this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Notary Public

My Commission expires:

1320 E. Washington Street



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor John P. Hutchinson and City Council Members

From: John R. Massey, Jr., Assistant City Manager

Date: December 29, 2023

Re: Demolition Ordinance for Dilapidated Dwelling located at **100 Copeland Street**

City staff recommends the City Council approve a demolition ordinance for the dilapidated dwelling located at 100 Copeland Street and identified as Richmond County PIN 7463-03-30-4564. A copy of the demolition ordinance and photographs of the property are included in the agenda packet.

As background information, City staff initiated minimum housing proceedings in August of 2023. The property owners, Jeffery Lynn Probst, William Matthew Probst, Amanda P. Guenthner, and Mary Williams Board and parties of interest were notified of a hearing with the Code Enforcement Officer regarding the condition of the dwelling. The notice was sent via certified and regular mail; published in the Richmond County Daily Journal; and posted on the subject property. Jeffery Lynn Probst, William Matthew Probst, Amanda P. Guenthner attended the hearing with the Code Enforcement Officer. The Code Enforcement Officer issued his findings of fact and directed the property owners to either repair or demolish the dwelling by January 2, 2024. Again, the notice was sent via certified and regular mail; published in the Richmond County Daily Journal; and posted on the subject property. The property owners have taken no action to date to address the dilapidated dwelling.

AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE BUILDING INSPECTOR TO REMOVE OR DEMOLISH THE PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED AS UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION AND DIRECTING THAT A NOTICE BE PLACED THEREON THAT THE SAME MAY NOT BE OCCUPIED.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Rockingham finds that the dwelling described herein is unfit for human habitation under the City Housing Code, and that all the procedures of the Housing Code have been complied with; and

WHEREAS, this dwelling should be removed or demolished, as directed by the Building Inspector, and should be placarded by placing thereon a notice prohibiting use for human habitation; and

WHEREAS, the owners of this dwelling, Jeffery Lynn Probst, William Matthew Probst, Amanda P. Guenther, and Mary Williams Board have been given a reasonable opportunity to bring the dwelling up to the standards of the Housing Code in accordance with G.S. 160D-1203 pursuant to an order issued by the Building Inspector on October 4, 2023 and the owner has failed to comply with the order;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Rockingham, that:

- Section 1. The Building Inspector is hereby authorized and directed to place a placard containing the legend *"This building is unfit for human habitation; the use or occupation of this building for human habitation is prohibited and unlawful."* on the building located at 1320 E. Washington Street and identified by Richmond County PIN# 7463-03-30-4564.
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Section 5. This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2024

Mayor

Attest: _____
City Clerk

NORTH CAROLINA

RICHMOND COUNTY

I, a Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, certify that Sabrina Y. McDonald personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged that she is City Clerk of the City of Rockingham, a North Carolina municipal corporation, and that by authority duly given and as an act of the corporation, the foregoing instrument was signed in its name by its Mayor, sealed with its municipal seal and attested by herself as its City Clerk.

Witness my hand and official stamp or seal, this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Notary Public

My Commission expires:

100 Copeland Street



PROCLAMATION

Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

WHEREAS, the United States Congress, the North Carolina General Assembly and the Richmond County Commissioners have proclaimed January 15, 2024 as a legal holiday to commemorate the life and teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and

WHEREAS, the King Holiday is set aside as a day for peace and civil unity and building of understanding between races and cultures; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King showed courage, endurance and patience in the face of hostility, criticism and adversity working to promote freedom, justice and peace; and

WHEREAS, the local Steering Committee is holding a celebration in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King using the theme **"The POWER OF THE DREAM- FREEDOM AND JUSTICE FOR ALL"** and

WHEREAS, the Federal Holiday Commission desires that the King Holiday inspire young people to embrace an alternative to violence for settling disputes, conflicts and to reject those influences that destroy rather than sustain life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John P. Hutchinson, Mayor and the Members of the Rockingham City Council do hereby proclaim that Monday, January 15, 2024 be set aside as a day to remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and to promote appropriate activities to further enhance the democratic ideals and concepts advanced by this great American.

This the 9th day of January, 2024.

Signed: _____
John P. Hutchinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sabrina Y. McDonald, CMC
City Clerk

**DEPARTMENTAL
ACTIVITY REPORTS
for
COUNCIL'S INFORMATION**



George C. Gillenwater

Chief of Police

To: Monty Crump

From: G.C. Gillenwater
Chief of Police

Date: January 2, 2024
Ref: December Activity Report

On behalf of the Rockingham Police Department, I am pleased to submit this report for your consideration. The following activities have been undertaken by officers of the Rockingham Police Department.

Total Calls for the Month: 1426
Public Service Calls 287

Charges Generating Arrest:
Felonies: 32
Misdemeanors: 61
Drug Violations: 03
Juvenile: 14
Citations: 113

Accidents Reported/Investigated:

Property Damage only: 63
Personal Injury: 07

Officer Hours Spent in Court: 16
Officer Training Hours Logged 118





FIRE CHIEF
HAROLD ISLER
ADMIN. ASST.
KRISTY PLAYER

We are pleased to submit the monthly fire report on the activities undertaken by the Rockingham Fire Department during the month of December 2023.

Total Alarms:	<u>74</u>	In Town:	<u>74</u>	Out of Town:	<u>0</u>
Turn In Alarms:	<u>2</u>	Silent Alarms:	<u>72</u>	Structure fire:	<u>2</u>
Wrecks:	<u>17</u>	Alarm Malf:	<u>14</u>	Good Intent:	<u>7</u>
Service Call:	<u>1</u>	Assist Police:	<u>0</u>	Trash/outside fire:	<u>8</u>
Power line down:	<u>6</u>	Assist Ems:	<u>0</u>	Unauthorized burn:	<u>3</u>
Smoke scare:	<u>2</u>	Cooking fire:	<u>0</u>	Vehicle fire:	<u>0</u>
Electrical:	<u>4</u>	Tree Down:	<u>9</u>	Spill/Leak:	<u>1</u>

Hours Spent on Calls: 15 hours 23 minutes

Total Property Exposed to Fire:	<u>\$312,500.00</u>
Total Property Damaged by Fire:	<u><u>\$155,300.00</u></u>
Total Property Saved:	<u><u>\$157,200.00</u></u>

During the month of December members of the fire department averaged 42 training hours per person; part-paid members averaged 4 hours per person for the month.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harold Isler
Fire Chief

To: Monty Crump, City Manager
From: Dave Davis, Recreation Director
Date: January 1, 2024
Subject: Activity Report

The following are activities involving our department this month.

Youth Basketball – This program will tip off the 2024 season on Tuesday, January 2nd. We have nineteen teams in four respective divisions and involves approximately 170 participants ranging in age from five to fourteen. If everything goes accordingly we should complete this season the latter part of February. (Note: This marks the 40th year for this program)

Youth (Indoor) Soccer – Registration will begin on Monday, January 8th and conclude Wednesday, January 24th.

Field Maintenance – Although our activities have moved inside for the next couple of months our maintenance staff has already begun some initial preparation to our baseball and softball fields. It's cold outside but spring will be here before we know it.