

**CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA
October 8, 2024
6:30 p.m.**

- 1. Opening of meeting by Mayor John P. Hutchinson.**
- 2. Invocation by Roger Webster, Police Chaplin.**
- 3. Amendments and Changes to Agenda.**
- 4. Consent Agenda:**
 - A. Disposition of Minutes of the September 10, 2024 Regular Meeting.**
 - B. Tax Collector's Report. (See Pages 4-9)**

Informational Items:

 - 1.) Monthly Collection Report**
 - 2.) Uncollected Taxes as of September 30, 2024**

Action Items:

 - 1.) Refunds per County Assessor's Office.**
 - 2.) Discovery bills added to Tax Scroll.**
 - 3.) Releases per County Assessor's Office.**
- 5. Business by Planning Board.**
 - A. Set Public Hearings. (None)**
 - B. Hold Public Hearings: (None)**
 - C. Minutes from Various Boards. (None)**

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- 6. Hold public hearing for an ordinance adopting the recodified Rockingham City Code. (See Pages 10-13)**
- 7. Consideration of appointment to fill unexpired term of Anne Edwards ending December 2025.**
- 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.**
- 13. Adjournment.**

Rockingham, NC

City Council Agenda

SUPPORT DOCUMENTS

CITY OF ROCKINGHAM
MONTHLY TAX COLLECTION REPORT

MONTH: SEPTEMBER **YEAR: 2024**

YEAR	AD VALOREM TAXES	COST AND INTEREST	TOTAL COLLECTED	PERCENT THIS DATE	YEAR TO DATE COLLECTIONS	SAME MONTH COLLECTIONS	PERCENT OF TOTAL
2025	201.52		100.41		691.57	192.13	
2024	276,618.49	-	276,618.49	25.02%	1,115,828.11	204,813.14	25.50%
2023	1,511.32	209.25	1,720.57	98.17%	8,863.90	1,951.71	99+%
2022	676.56	246.20	922.76	99.27%	2,869.79	-	99+%
2021	105.49	46.75	152.24	99.63%	493.21	-	99+%
2020	47.50	2.50	235.83	99.78%	457.55	-	99+%
2019	-	-	-	99.81%	87.03	-	99+%
2018	-	-	-	99.84%	87.03	-	99+%
2017	-	-	-	99.85%	87.03	-	99+%
2016	-	-	-	99.86%	87.03	-	99+%
2015	-	-	-	99.84%	106.81	-	99+%
2014	-	-	-	99.83%	106.81	-	99+%
	279,160.88	504.70	279,750.30		1,129,765.87	206,956.98	

CITY OF ROCKINGHAM
MONTHLY DISCOVERIES REGISTER
SEPTEMBER 2024

ACCT #	NAME	BILL #	TAX RATE	YEAR OF DISCOVERY	DESCRIPTION	VALUE	CITY TAX	CITY RATE	INTEREST	TOTAL AMOUNT
25	AT&T MOBILITY, LLC	27473	0.55	2024	STATEBOARD	258,673	1,422.70			1,422.70
10	BELLSOUTH TEL CO, LLC DBA AT&T NORTH	27470	0.55	2024	STATEBOARD	1,653,923	9,096.58			9,096.58
43	CELLCO PARTNERSHIP DBA VERIZON	27485	0.55	2024	STATEBOARD	568,711	3,127.91			3,127.91
34	CROWN CASTLE USA, INC	27477	0.55	2024	STATEBOARD	76,724	421.98			421.98
04	CSX TRANSPORTATION, INC	27465	0.55	2024	STATEBOARD	1,251,293	6,882.11			6,882.11
03	DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS, INC	27464	0.55	2024	STATEBOARD	6,687,417	36,780.79			36,780.79
22	DUKENET COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	27472	0.55	2024	STATEBOARD	36,387	200.13			200.13
36	GREYHOUND LINES INC	27479	0.55	2024	STATEBOARD	12,718	69.95			69.95
06	HOLIDAY TOURS INC	27466	0.55	2024	STATEBOARD	7,276	40.02			40.02
42	JB HUNT TRANSPORTATION, INC	27484	0.55	2024	STATEBOARD	1,231,324	6,772.28			6,772.28
40	LUMEN TECHNOLOGIES, LLC	27482	0.55	2024	STATEBOARD	57,764	317.70			317.70
19	MCI COMMUNICATION SERVICES, INC	27471	0.55	2024	STATEBOARD	21,862	120.24			120.24
35	MCI METRO ACCESS TRANS SERV INC	27478	0.55	2024	STATEBOARD	3,186	17.52			17.52
07	NC ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORP	27467	0.55	2024	STATEBOARD	37,742	207.58			207.58
09	PEE DEE EMC	27469	0.55	2024	STATEBOARD	35,077	192.92			192.92
08	PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS CO., INC	27468	0.55	2024	STATEBOARD	9,605,730	52,831.52			52,831.52
28	SBA COMMUNICATION CORPORATION, LLC	27474	0.55	2024	STATEBOARD	46,206	254.13			254.13
37	SOUTH CAROLINA TELECOMMUNICATIONS	27480	0.55	2024	STATEBOARD	1,210	6.66			6.66
38	SPECTRUM ADVANCED SERVICES LLC	27481	0.55	2024	STATEBOARD	220,117	1,210.64			1,210.64
41	T-MOBILE SOUTH, LLC	27483	0.55	2024	STATEBOARD	301,272	1,657.00			1,657.00
32	TIME WARNER CABLE BUSINESS, LLC	27476	0.55	2024	STATEBOARD	278,722	1,532.97			1,532.97
	TOTALS					22,393,334	123,163.33	0.00	0.00	\$123,163.33

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CITY OF ROCKINGHAM
MONTHLY REFUNDS REGISTER
SEPTEMBER 2024

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
1	DATE	ACCOUNT	NAME	EXPLANATION	YEAR	AMOUNT	LATE LIST	TAGS	INTEREST	REFUNDED	CHECK #
2	9/17/24	19106305	FORD RONALD J SR LIFE ESTATE	OVERPAY <\$1	2024	0.10				0.10	
3	9/24/24	62873	BASS LORI ANN	VEHICLE TAX REFUND	2024	41.93				41.93	87770
4	9/24/24	63177	CUMMINGS MELISSA NINETE	VEHICLE TAX REFUND	2024	82.55				82.55	87773
5	9/24/24	63178	KELLY JAMES CHESLEY JR	VEHICLE TAX REFUND	2024	4.26				4.26	87779
6	9/24/24	63179	WALL KELSEY FITZGERALD	VEHICLE TAX REFUND	2024	73.25				73.25	87785
7										0.00	
8										0.00	
9										0.00	
10										0.00	
11										0.00	
12										0.00	
13										0.00	
14			TOTALS			\$202.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$202.09	

CITY OF ROCKINGHAM
PAYMENT REVERSAL REGISTER
SEPTEMBER 2024

DATE	ACCOUNT	NAME	EXPLANATION	YEAR	REVERSE PAYMENT	REVERSE INTEREST PMT	REVERSE LATE LIST	REVERSE ADVERTISING	REVERSE SPECIAL ASMT PMT	TOTAL REVERSAL
9/13/24	7207301	MCRAE BEULAH CRENSHAW	REVERSE, REAPPLIED TO PREVIOUS YEARS	2024	282.29					282.29
9/13/24	7207302	MCRAE BEULAH CRENSHAW	REVERSE, REAPPLIED TO PREVIOUS YEARS	2024	225.69					225.69
9/13/24	7207303	MCRAE BEULAH CRENSHAW	REVERSE, REAPPLIED TO PREVIOUS YEARS	2024	172.00					172.00
9/13/24	7207304	MCRAE BEULAH CRENSHAW	REVERSE, REAPPLIED TO PREVIOUS YEARS	2024	229.09					229.09
9/13/24	7207306	MCRAE BEULAH CRENSHAW	REVERSE, REAPPLIED TO PREVIOUS YEARS	2024	117.83					117.83
9/13/24	7207307	MCRAE BEULAH CRENSHAW	REVERSE, REAPPLIED TO PREVIOUS YEARS	2024	98.10					98.10
										0.00
										0.00
		TOTALS			\$1,125.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,125.00

UNCOLLECTED TAXES

YEAR	AMOUNT	Sep-24
2024	3,342,963.32	
2023	67,832.41	
2022	26,441.19	
2021	13,512.50	
2020	8,090.85	
2019	5,643.37	
2018	4,810.02	
2017	4,297.31	
2016	4,073.38	
2015	4,454.83	
2014	4,835.09	
	3,342,963.32	Total Current Year
	143,990.95	Total Past Years
	3,486,954.27	Total All Years

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor John P. Hutchinson and City Council Members

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

Date: September 30, 2024

Re: Rockingham City Code Recodification

The City contracted with American Legal Publishing in October 2023 to perform a recodification of the City Code. The recodification process includes the incorporation of all amendments adopted since the previous recodification (circa 2002), a comprehensive review of all code sections by American Legal attorneys to ensure consistency with current NC General Statutes, updating all statutory references, and incorporation of City staff revisions. City staff revisions include the removal of antiquated language and references to Boards, programs and services that no longer exist. From a daily enforcement perspective and effect on citizens, there are no substantive changes in the recodified document.

Five copies of the recodified City Code are available for review in the Planning Department. The final draft is also available online through the American Legal Publishing code library at the following link: <https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/rockinghamnc/latest/overview>.

Going forward, the City will contract with American Legal Publishing annually to codify all amendments enacted by City Council and identify any needed amendments necessary to maintain consistency with NC General Statutes. By contracting for the annual service, the City will avoid the cumbersome, labor intensive effort of catching up on over 20 years of updates at one time.

City staff recommends the City Council adopt the recodified City Code after receiving input during the public hearing scheduled for the regular October meeting.

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF ROCKINGHAM, NORTH CAROLINA REVISING, AMENDING, RESTATING, CODIFYING AND COMPILING CERTAIN EXISTING GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROCKINGHAM DEALING WITH SUBJECTS EMBRACED IN SUCH CODE OF ORDINANCES.

WHEREAS, the present general and permanent ordinances of the City of Rockingham are inadequately arranged and classified and are insufficient in form and substance for the complete preservation of the public peace, health, safety and general welfare of the municipality and for the property conduct of its affairs; and

WHEREAS, the Acts of the Legislature of the State of North Carolina empower and authorize the City Council to revise amend, restate, codify and compile any existing ordinances and all new ordinances not heretofore adopted or published and to incorporate such ordinances into a Code of Ordinances in book form; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Rockingham has authorized a general compilation, revision and codification of the ordinances of the City of Rockingham of a general and permanent nature and publication of such Code of Ordinances in book form; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to provide for the usual daily operation of the municipality and for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and general welfare of the municipality that this Code of Ordinances and the ordinances contained therein take effect at an early date;

WHEREAS, all proper procedures including any notices required by ordinances or applicable General Statutes have been followed;

WHEREAS, the Rockingham City Council at it September 10, 2024 regular meeting, directed notice of a public hearing to be held at the Rockingham City Council's October 8, 2024 regular meeting for the purpose of receiving public comment upon the Code of Ordinances contemplated herein; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held in accordance with the directive of Rockingham City Council and public comment was received upon the revising, amending, restating, codifying and compiling of this Code of Ordinances and the ordinances contained therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKINGHAM, NORTH CAROLINA:

Section1. The general ordinances of the City of Rockingham as revised, amended, restated, codified, and compiled in book form are hereby adopted as and shall constitute the "Code of Ordinances of the City Rockingham."

Section 2. Such Code of Ordinances as adopted in Section 1 shall consist of the following Titles:

**ROCKINGHAM, NORTH CAROLINA
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CITY CHARTER

TITLE 1: GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 10. General Provisions

TITLE II: ADMINISTRATION

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TITLE V: PUBLIC WORKS

- 50. Garbage and Refuse
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- 52. Backflow Prevention

TITLE VII: TRAFFIC CODE

- 70. General Provisions
- 71. Traffic Regulations
- 72. Parking Rules
- 73. Toy and Recreational Vehicles

TITLE IX: GENERAL REGULATIONS

- 90. Cemeteries
- 91. Fire Protection and Prevention
- 92. Health And Sanitation; Nuisances
- 93. Special Events
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TITLE XI: BUSINESS REGULATIONS

- 110. Business Regulations and Licenses Generally
- 111. Peddlers and Solicitors
- 112. Vehicles for Hire
- 113. Wreckers and Tow Service
- 114. Sexually-Oriented Businesses

TITLE XIII: GENERAL OFFENSES

- 130. Offenses Against Public Peace, Decency, and Morals
- 131. Offenses Against Property

TITLE XV: LAND USAGE

- 150. Building Regulations
- 151. Minimum Housing Standards
- 152. Streets, Sidewalks, and Public Property
- 153. Comprehensive Planning and Development

TABLE OF SPECIAL ORDINANCES

[Reserved]

PARALLEL REFERENCES

References to North Carolina General Statutes
References to Prior Code
References to Ordinances

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Section 3. All prior ordinances pertaining to the subjects treated in such Code of Ordinances shall remain in full force and effect and only such portions thereof as have been amended or modified in such ordinances shall be deemed repealed; provided, such repeal shall not affect any offense committed or penalty incurred or any right established prior to the effective date of this ordinance, nor shall such repeal affect the provisions of ordinances levying taxes, appropriating money, annexing or detaching territory, establishing franchises, or granting special rights to certain persons, authorizing public improvements, authorizing the issuance of bonds or borrowing money, authorizing the purchase or sale of real or personal property, granting or accepting easements, plat or dedication of land to public use, vacating or setting the boundaries of streets or other public places; nor shall such repeal affect any other ordinance or a temporary or special nature or pertaining to subjects not contained in or covered by the Code.

Section 4. Such Code shall be deemed published as of the day of its adoption and approval by the City Council and the Clerk of the City of Rockingham is hereby authorized and ordered to file a copy of such Code of Ordinances in the Office of the Clerk.

Section 5. Such Code shall be in full force and effect as provided in Section 6, and such Code shall be presumptive in all courts and places of the ordinance and all provisions, sections, penalties and regulations therein contained and of the date of passage, and that the same is properly signed, attested, recorded, and approved and that any public hearings and notices thereof as required by law have been given.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Rockingham on this the _____ day of _____, 2024.

John P. Hutchinson, Mayor

Attested:

Sabrina Y. McDonald, 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: October 1, 2024
Ref: September 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:	<u>1265</u>
Public Service Calls	<u>311</u>

Charges Generating Arrest:	
Felonies:	<u>47</u>
Misdemeanors:	<u>61</u>
Drug Violations:	<u>03</u>
Juvenile:	<u>15</u>
Citations:	<u>108</u>

Accidents Reported/Investigated:

Property Damage only:	<u>39</u>
Personal Injury:	<u>04</u>

Officer Hours Spent in Court:	<u>09</u>
Officer Training Hours Logged	<u>132</u>

FIRE CHIEF
HAROLD ISLER
ADMIN. ASST.
KRISTY PLAYER



SEPTEMBER

We are pleased to submit the monthly fire report on the activities undertaken by the Rockingham Fire Department during the month of September 2024.

Total Alarms:	<u>70</u>	In Town:	<u>70</u>	Out of Town:	<u>0</u>
Turn In Alarms:	<u>0</u>	Silent Alarms:	<u>70</u>	Structure fire:	<u>1</u>
Wrecks:	<u>16</u>	Alarm Malf:	<u>28</u>	Good Intent:	<u>7</u>
Service Call:	<u>5</u>	Assist Police:	<u>0</u>	Trash/outside fire:	<u>3</u>
Power line down:	<u>4</u>	Assist Ems:	<u>1</u>	Unauthorized burn:	<u>0</u>
Smoke scare:	<u>4</u>	Cooking fire:	<u>0</u>	Vehicle fire:	<u>0</u>
Electrical:	<u>0</u>	Water rescue:	<u>0</u>	Spill/Leak:	<u>1</u>

Total Property Exposed to Fire:	<u>\$40,000,000.00</u>
Total Property Damaged by Fire:	<u>\$150,000.00</u>
Total Property Saved:	<u>\$39,850,000.00</u>

During the month of September the full time members averaged 52 training hours per person; part-paid members averaged 6 hours per person for the month.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harold Isler
Fire Chief

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

The following is an update on activities involving our Parks and Recreation Department this month.

Youth Soccer – Although weather has presented a few challengers this season we should complete tournament play by Thursday, October 3rd.

Flag (fall) Football – Interest in this third year program remains strong and we should complete registration on Wednesday, October 2nd.

Youth Girls Volleyball – Registration for this well-established program concludes Wednesday, October 2nd.

Hinson Lake – This past weekend (Sept. 27th – Sept. 29th) our facility hosted its 18th annual ultra marathon race that has become a staple for many of these long distance runners.

The first race was held in 2006 and had 68 participants. This year's totals are in and there were 437 runners which represents an all-time high.

Race director, Jerry Lindstrand, and his support staff do a wonderful job of organizing and conducting this incredible event. Also, a great deal of credit and thanks goes to our full time staff members Joey Grant and Bill Fesniak. They spent the majority of their weekend, along with seasonal and part-time employees Ayden Allen, Kyle Pillar, and Noah Preslar policing the grounds, cleaning various areas, and overall exhibiting a strong city presence.