

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**CITY OF MARTINSBURG
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ON EXCESS LEVY ORDINANCE**

A public hearing will be held on the following entitled Ordinance at a special meeting of the Council of the City of Martinsburg to be held on Thursday, February 28, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., in the J. Oakley Seibert Council Chambers at the Martinsburg City Hall, 232 North Queen Street, Martinsburg, West Virginia, and at such hearing all objections and suggestions shall be heard by the Council and it shall then take such actions as it shall deem proper in the premises upon an Ordinance entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AN
ELECTION FOR ADDITIONAL LEVY,
TO RENEW THE LEVY WHICH
EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2014, BY THE CITY
OF MARTINSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA
MAY 11, 2013 SPECIAL ELECTION**

The Council of the City of Martinsburg, Berkeley County, West Virginia, being of the opinion that the maximum levies for current expenses authorized by Article 8, Chapter 11 of the Official Code of West Virginia, 1931, as last amended, will not provide sufficient funds for the current expenses of said City of Martinsburg, including expenditures for the purposes hereinafter set forth, and that an election should be held to increase such levies, hereby finds and orders as follows:

1. That the purpose for which additional funds are needed is salaries, insurance, benefits, uniforms, equipment, vehicles, and other items incidental for the support to maintain nine (9) police officers for the Martinsburg Police Department.

2. That the approximate amount required annually for each purpose is as follows:

Personal Services (Salaries, Insurance, & Benefits)	\$ 856,390
Contractual Services (Other Expenses)	\$ 142,250
Commodities (Materials, Supplies, & Uniforms)	\$ 65,000
Capital Outlay (Equipment & Vehicles)	<u>\$ 19,577</u>
Total Annually	\$1,083,217

3. That the total approximate amount for said purposes is \$5,416,085 for a five (5) year period.

4. That any funds raised in excess of the actual amount expended to support and maintain nine (9) police officers shall be used exclusively for additional equipment, vehicles, supplies, facilities, and personnel required by the Martinsburg Police Department.

5. That the separate and aggregate assessed valuation for the year 2012 of each class of taxable property within the City of Martinsburg, Berkeley County, West Virginia, is as follows:

Class I	\$ 0
Class II	\$ 263,776,238
Class IV	<u>\$ 434,073,665</u>
Total	\$ 697,849,903

6. That the proposed additional rate of levy on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation on each class of property is as follows:

Class I	5.25 cents
Class II	10.50 cents
Class IV	21.00 cents

7. That the proposed years to which the additional levy shall apply are the five (5) years beginning respectively on July 1, 2014, July 1, 2015, July 1, 2016, July 1, 2017, and July 1, 2018.
8. That the question of such additional levy shall be submitted to a vote at the City of Martinsburg's Special election in the City of Martinsburg on May 11, 2013.
9. That the said City of Martinsburg will not issue bonds, upon approval of the increased levy.
10. That notice calling such election shall be given by publication of this order, verified by the signatures of the Mayor and attested by the City Recorder, as a Class II-0 advertisement, in compliance with the provision of Article 3, Chapter 59, of the Official Code of West Virginia, 1983, as amended, within fourteen (14) consecutive days preceding this election, and the area for such publication shall be in said City of Martinsburg.

A certified copy of the above-entitled Ordinance is on file at the office of the Recorder of the City of Martinsburg, 2nd Floor, Martinsburg City Hall, 232 North Queen Street, Martinsburg, West Virginia, for review by interested parties during regular office hours.

Following the said public hearing, the City Council intends to put said Ordinance into effect.

Dated: February 15, 2013.

/s/ Gena Long, Recorder