

AS AMENDED ON JUNE 11, 2012  
**ORDINANCE NO. 2202**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY AMENDING THE FY 12 GENERAL FUND BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PURCHASE FOUR ~~FIVE~~ PROPERTIES AT TAX SALE ALONG WITH ASSOCIATED COSTS

WHEREAS, there are a number of properties in the City on which there are large outstanding liens and which have not been bought at tax sale due to these liens; and

WHEREAS, these properties have essentially been abandoned by their owners; and

WHEREAS, these properties place additional burdens on the City because they are not being maintained by their owners; and

WHEREAS, these properties are blighting influences in their neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council believe that it is necessary for the City to take action to break this cycle and to place these properties back on the property tax rolls; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have approved a plan through which the City would purchase four (4) ~~five (5)~~ of these properties at the tax sale, foreclose the right of redemption on these properties, waive the outstanding liens, and make these properties available for redevelopment so that they can return to the property tax rolls; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding liens, which total \$103,415.93 ~~\$122,158.69~~, include City liens for demolition, grass-cutting and nuisance abatement (\$71,706.91) ~~(\$105,897.73)~~; City property taxes and associated interest (3,768.80) ~~(\$5,726.72)~~; County property taxes and associated interest (6,768.80) ~~(\$8,923.23)~~; State property taxes and associated interest (\$743.31) ~~(\$1,036.01)~~; attorneys fees (\$140.00) ~~(\$175.00)~~; and advertising and auction expenses \$320.00 ~~(\$400.00)~~; and

WHEREAS, the City will incur costs related to attorney fees and filings to implement this plan, estimated at \$5,000 per property.

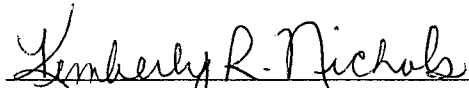
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND that the City's Fiscal Year 2012 General Fund budget be and is hereby amended as follows:

- 1) Increase General Fund Revenue - Current Surplus Available - \$103,415.93 ~~\$147,728.69~~ (01000-469810)
- 2) Increase General Fund - Internal Services - \$83,415.93 ~~\$122,728.69~~
- 3) Increase General Fund - City Attorney - \$20,000 ~~\$25,000~~

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its final passage.

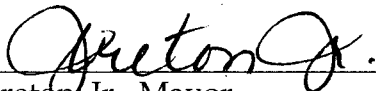
THIS ORDINANCE was introduced and read at a meeting of the Council of the City of Salisbury held on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012, and thereafter, a statement of the substance of the Ordinance having been published as required by law, was finally passed by the Council on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012.

ATTEST:

  
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Kimberly R. Nichols, City Clerk

  
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Terry E. Cohen, President  
Salisbury City Council

Approved by me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June,  
2012.

  
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James Ireton, Jr., Mayor