



# Georgetown

## Town Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: Wednesday, March 28, 2018  
Location: Town Hall, 39 The Circle, Georgetown, DE  
Time: 7:00 PM Regular Meeting

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**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2. INVOCATION**

**3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**4. APPROVAL OF MARCH 14, 2018 TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**

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**5. PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL SERVICE RECOGNITION DAY**

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A. [National Service Day Proclamation](#)

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A. Ordinance #2018-02 Window Coverings & Comments Received  
[Ordinance 2018-02 Window Coverings \(2018-03-28\)](#)  
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**8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**



**PROCLAMATION  
IN RECOGNITION OF  
NATIONAL SERVICE DAY**

**Whereas**, service to others is a hallmark of the American character, and central to how we meet our challenges; and

**Whereas**, the nation's cities and towns are increasingly turning to national service and volunteerism as a cost-effective strategy to meet their needs; and

**Whereas**, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps participants address the most pressing challenges facing our communities, from educating students for the jobs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century and supporting veterans and military families to providing health services and helping communities recover from natural disasters; and

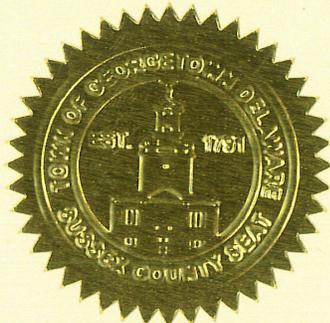
**Whereas**, national service expands economic opportunity by creating more sustainable, resilient communities and providing education, career skills, and leadership abilities for those who serve; and

**Whereas**, national service participants increase the impact of the organizations they serve, both through their direct service and by managing millions of additional volunteers; and

**Whereas**, national service represents a unique public-private partnership that invests in community solutions and leverages non-federal resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on taxpayer dollars; and

**Whereas**, the Corporation for National and Community Service shares a priority with county officials and mayors nationwide to engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen communities; and is joining with the National League of Cities, National Association of Counties, Cities of Service, and mayors and county officials across the country for the Mayor and County Recognition Day for National Service on April 3, 2018.

**Now, Therefore I**, William E. West, Mayor of the Town of Georgetown, Delaware, do hereby proclaim April 3, 2018, as National Service Recognition Day, and encourage residents to recognize the positive impact of national service in our county; to thank those who serve; and to find ways to give back to their communities.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of this Town to be affixed on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2018.

William E. West, Mayor

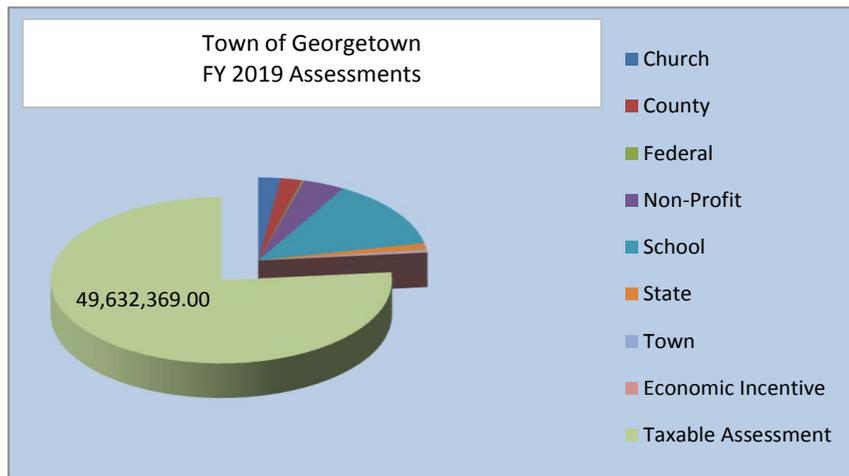
**Town of Georgetown  
Annual Tax Assessments  
FY19**

Land	10,278,023.00
Improvement	<u>54,570,088.00</u>
Total Assessment	<u><u>64,848,111.00</u></u>

**Exempt Properties**

Church	1,360,300.00
County	1,347,950.00
Federal	102,550.00
Non-Profit	2,563,880.00
School	8,638,700.00
State	831,200.00
Town	232,000.00
Economic Incentive	<u>139,162.00</u>
Total Exempt	<u><u>15,215,742.00</u></u>

**Taxable Assessment      49,632,369.00**





**ORDINANCE 2018-02**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF GEORGETOWN,  
CHAPTER 116 THEREOF, ENTITLED HOUSING STANDARDS**

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GEORGETOWN IN COUNCIL MET AND  
HEREBY ORDAINS:

**Section 1.** Chapter 116, Housing Standards, § 116-49 Interior Surfaces is hereby amended as follows:

Chapter 116, Housing Standards, § 116-49 Interior Surfaces **and window treatments**

Floors, walls, including windows and doors, ceilings and other interior surfaces shall be maintained in a good, clean and sanitary condition.

**Every window within any dwelling unit, rooming unit, or housekeeping unit, including those which are rented or leased, may contain window treatments consisting of shades, blinds, drapes or other materials specifically designed for use as window coverings. The use of sheets, blankets and similar materials not intended or designed for use as a window covering is prohibited.**

**Section 2.** This Ordinance shall become effective following its adoption by a majority vote of all members elected to the Town Council.

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Town Council of the Town of Georgetown, Delaware on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A.D., 2018.

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William E. West, Mayor

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Robert L. Holston, Jr., Secretary

Synopsis

This clarifies window treatments and identifies specific prohibitions.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: March 14, 2018

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: March 28, 2018

Adoption: March 28, 2018

To Mayor and Council and Town Manager  
Town of Georgetown

From: Linda Dennis, resident  
Ward 4

Date March 21, 2018

RE Comments Ordinance 2018-02

Before offering specific comments on the draft ordinance referenced above, I would like to express my appreciation for your efforts to address this issue. Sadly, there are many residences (and businesses) throughout our Town that use various unacceptable materials as window coverings. To residents and visitors alike, these locations seriously detract from the positive image we desire to project for our community.

Specifically I am suggesting the following language:

Interior window treatments which are visible from the exterior of any dwelling unit, rooming unit, or housekeeping unit, including those which are rented or leased, **shall** consist of the following materials designed specifically for use as window coverings: draperies, drapery sheers, horizontal or vertical blinds, shades,

shutters, or curtains. The following materials are specifically prohibited for use as window treatment/coverings: bed linens, apparel, towels, newspapers, cardboard, blankets, table cloths, paper, paint, tarps and/or plastic bags.

Add Section 3. Specify procedures for remediation and fines for violation(s)

Again, thank you for addressing this issue. It is my hope that these comments will be accepted in the spirit to which they are intended – that being to assist in supporting your efforts to improve our Town in all ways possible.

Sincerely,

Linda Dennis