

Town of Vienna 2016 Legislative Agenda

ADOPTED

On November 16, 2015, the Citizens of the Town of Vienna, through its duly elected Town Council, adopted the following Legislative Agenda at a public hearing and respectfully proposes to the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia the following:

2016 Legislative Agenda Items:

1. The Town of Vienna supports legislation that would provide revenue sharing between Counties and Towns of the Commercial Transportation Tax imposed on commercial real estate properties (Commercial & Industrial Property Tax or “C&I taxes”). The Town of Vienna builds and maintains the streets and sidewalks. HB 3202 requires that counties ensure that the towns within their boundaries receive a proportional share of the revenues made available to the counties. C&I taxes will generate about \$55.5 million per year in revenues for the county with the new increase in the tax. Like the storm water tax collected, Vienna should have some input into how local improvements from these taxes are appropriated directly around the Town businesses that generate these taxes.
2. The Town of Vienna requests language to be added to specifically include “new sidewalk projects” as eligible for HB 2313 funding. An expanded sidewalk network provides transportation options and reduces motorized vehicle use and congestion. Revised transportation funding ranking criteria language under HB 2313, HB 2, HB 599 regarding “congestion mitigation” and “additional capacity” should specifically include sidewalk funding in dense urban areas where providing alternative means of transportation reduces single-occupancy auto use.
3. The Town of Vienna supports restoration of full 599 funding to localities.
4. The Town of Vienna supports a change to the VDOT local road maintenance funding formula from lane mileage to lane volume: or, in the alternative, request changes that provide additional funding to localities that maintain their roads and have roads that exceed the statewide average traffic volumes for such types of roads by more than 20%. In addition, the Town of Vienna supports a change to the composition to the Commonwealth Transportation Board to have greater representation to the urban/dense suburban areas of the Commonwealth.

5. Virginia Code §2.2-4304 (cooperative procurement) should be amended to permit localities to use competitively bid construction contracts for certain projects ***not exceeding \$200,000.***

Last year the GA struck language in the cooperative procurement provisions of the Virginia Procurement Act that previously permitted localities to ride certain construction contracts.

Relevant Virginia Code § 2.2-4304 amendments:

B. In addition, a public body may purchase from another public body's contract or from the contract of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments even if it did not participate in the request for proposal or invitation to bid, if the request for proposal or invitation to bid specified that the procurement was a cooperative procurement being conducted on behalf of other public bodies, except for:

- 1. Contracts for architectural or engineering services; or*
- 2. ~~Construction in excess of \$200,000 by a local public body from the contract of another local public body that is more than a straight line distance of 75 miles from the territorial limits of the local public body procuring the construction. The installation of artificial turf or other athletic surfaces shall not be subject to the limitations prescribed in this subdivision. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to prohibit sole source or emergency procurements awarded pursuant to subsections E and F of § 2.2-4303.~~*

NOTE: Town will gather statistics to support proposed amendments for use of cooperative procurement on smaller construction projects.

6. New storm water regulations say if a developer has a site that disturbs less than 10 AC requiring less than 5 lbs of pollutant removal, the developer can buy offsite credits without even trying to provide the pollution removal onsite or locally to improve the water quality in Vienna streams. We would like to require an on-site BMP or if there is a hardship, then elsewhere in Vienna.
7. The Town of Vienna requests the General Assembly to provide adequate funding for water quality improvements to localities for sewage treatment plants, urban stormwater, combined sewer overflows (CSOs), and sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) as mandated by federal and state legislation, regulation and policies.

NOTE: Costs statistics will be provided

8. The Town of Vienna supports and amendment to Virginia State Code Section 15.2-107.1 relating to newspaper legal advertisement requirements. Current requirements add expense and are considered not generally viewed by the public.

Proposed amendment as follows:

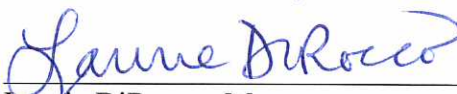
15.2-107.1 Advertisement of legal notices on web sites

In addition to any requirements that a locality advertise legal notices in a newspaper having a general circulation in the locality, such notices may also be published on the locality's ~~World Wide Web site~~ website.

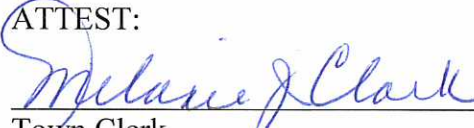
However notwithstanding any other provision of law, general or special, in any town within the counties of Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William legal notices may be published on the locality's website instead of in a newspaper having general circulation in the locality.

9. Towns should have one vote as a member of the Northern Virginia Regional Transportation Authority (NVTA). Virginia Code Sections 33.2-2501 *et seq.* should be amended accordingly.
10. The Town of Vienna opposes any bill that reduces or eliminates local land use authority.
11. The Town of Vienna supports revenue sharing mechanisms between localities and the state.
12. The Town of Vienna supports the Virginia Municipal League's Legislative Program position on "State and Local Government Fiscal Relationship" as adopted by the VML Board for the 2016 legislative session.

Approved this 16th day of November 2015.


Laurie DiRocco, Mayor

ATTEST:


Town Clerk