

Town of Vienna 2018 Legislative Agenda

On November 13, 2017, 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:

2018 Legislative Agenda Items:

1. 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.
2. The Town of Vienna supports restoration of full 599 funding to localities.
3. 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.
4. 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.***

The Town of Vienna has been impacted financially by the amendment to Virginia Code §2.2-4304. The estimated additional cost to the Town in the first year following Code amendments is estimated to be \$73,884.50 (Comparison Chart to be provided).

5. The Town of Vienna supports an 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 website.

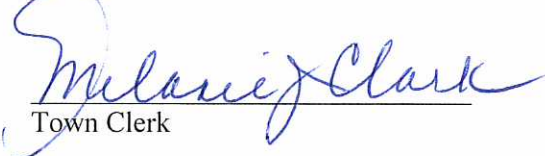
However notwithstanding any other provision of law, general or special, in any town within the counties of Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William legal notices may be published on the locality's website instead of in a newspaper having general circulation in the locality.

6. Northern Virginia 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.
7. The Town of Vienna opposes any bill that reduces or eliminates local land use authority.
8. The Town of Vienna supports revenue sharing mechanisms between localities and the state.
9. The Town of Vienna requests an amendment to Va. Code Section 15.2-961.1 "Conservation of trees during land development process in localities in Planning District 8"; and/or Va. Code Section 15.2-961 "Replacement of trees during development process in certain localities" (the general code provision). Specifically the Town requests local zoning authority to provide tree canopy credits for development that preserves medium and large trees on lots under development and/or the authority to require developers to ensure 20% tree canopy coverage in 10 years rather than 20 years and improve storm water management efforts and water quality. Currently only the City of Williamsburg and jurisdictions with such a provision prior to 1990.
10. The Town of Vienna opposes legislation that reduces the current local government authority to review and approve applications for the use of the public right-of-way, including such use by wireless telecommunication providers.
11. The Town of Vienna generally endorses the adopted Virginia Municipal League Legislative Program related to VML's position on a number of potential legislation affecting localities.

Approved this 13th day of November 2017.


Laurie DiRocco, Mayor

ATTEST:


Town Clerk