

## **ORDINANCE NO. 23-( )**

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AN OFFICE OF FRAUD, WASTE, AND ABUSE AUDITOR

**WHEREAS**, Section 15.2-2511.2 of the Code of Virginia permits the County to adopt an ordinance establishing an office of Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Auditor to perform certain functions specified in that section; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors recognizes that fraud, waste, and abuse of County resources is harmful to the residents of Albemarle County and undermines the efficient administration of County government.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Albemarle, Virginia, that:

There is created within the Department of Finance an office of Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Auditor (“Auditor”). The Auditor is responsible for conducting investigations of any officers, departments, or programs for fraud, waste, and abuse, as those terms are defined in Section 15.2-2511.2 of the Code of Virginia.

The Auditor shall administer a telephone hotline and a website through which employees and residents of the County may report anonymously any incidence of fraud, waste, or abuse committed by any officer, or within any department or program, of the County.

The Auditor shall determine the materiality and authenticity of every allegation received on the hotline or website and ensure that investigation and resolution activities are undertaken in response to material and authentic allegations in the most cost-effective and confidential manner available. What manner is most cost-effective and confidential is within the Auditor’s discretion.

However, the Auditor shall assign responsibility for investigation and resolution to other investigative and law-enforcement personnel where such responsibility is prescribed by general law and where appropriate to avoid duplicating or replacing existing investigation and resolution functions.

The Auditor may set the conditions of anonymity that apply to employee and resident reports.

The Auditor may advertise the hotline and website, and the conditions of anonymity, through the conspicuous posting of announcements in the locality's personnel newsletters, articles in local newspapers issued daily or regularly at average intervals, hotline posters on local employee bulletin boards, periodic messages on local employee payroll check stubs, or through other reasonable efforts.

This ordinance shall become effective on February 1, 2023.

I, Claudette K. Borgersen, do hereby certify that the foregoing writing is a true, correct copy of an Ordinance duly adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Albemarle County, Virginia, by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, as recorded below, at a regular meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk, Board of County Supervisors

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mr. Andrews	_____	_____
Mr. Gallaway	_____	_____
Ms. LaPisto-Kirtley	_____	_____
Ms. Mallek	_____	_____
Ms. McKeel	_____	_____
Ms. Price	_____	_____