

2018 Legislative Priorities

On-street Parking

Priority: Initiate legislation to amend Virginia Code § 46.2-1222 to add Albemarle County to the list of those counties enabled to regulate on-street parking on public streets in the State's secondary system of highways.

Summary of the Current Law: Virginia Code § 46.2-1222 currently enables Fairfax, James City, Loudoun, Montgomery, Prince George, Prince William, and York Counties to adopt ordinances that may (1) restrict or prohibit parking on any part of the state secondary system of highways within their respective boundaries; (2) create vehicle classifications that would or would not be subject to these restrictions and prohibitions; and (3) provide that the violation of the ordinance would be a traffic infraction and prescribe penalties.

On-street parking regulations would apply only on those street segments that are signed or marked to prohibit or restrict on-street parking.

Rationale: The authority, if granted, would enable Albemarle County to adopt an on-street parking ordinance that would allow the County to address some existing on-street parking issues in certain urban neighborhoods.

Snow and Ice Removal

Priority: Initiate or support legislation to amend Virginia Code § 15.2-2025 to enable counties outside of Northern Virginia with urban areas, such as Albemarle County, to adopt ordinances requiring the landowners and other persons in charge of any occupied property to remove accumulations of snow and ice from public sidewalks.

Summary of the Current Law: Virginia Code § 15.2-2025 currently enables only those counties in Northern Virginia Planning District 8 (Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William Counties) to require owners or occupants to remove snow and ice from public sidewalks. An ordinance must "include reasonable time frames for compliance and reasonable exceptions for handicapped and elderly persons, and those otherwise physically incapable of meeting the criteria and requirements for such removal." A penalty of up to \$100 may be imposed for violating an ordinance.

Rationale: This authority, if granted, would enable a greater number of counties with urbanized areas to make those areas more livable and walkable during periods when snow and ice have accumulated on public sidewalks.