



Albemarle County

Legislation Text

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AGENDA DATE: 7/7/2021

TITLE:

Proposed 2022 Legislative Priorities

SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: Consider the Proposed 2022 Legislative Priorities

ITEM TYPE: Regular Information Item

STAFF CONTACT(S): Richardson, Kamptner

PRESENTER (S): Greg Kamptner

LEGAL REVIEW: Yes

REVIEWED BY: Jeffrey B. Richardson

BACKGROUND: Each year the Board considers and approves a set of its legislative priorities to pursue in the upcoming General Assembly session. The Board then meets with the County's local delegation from the General Assembly to discuss these priorities and submits them to the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPDC), the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo), and the Virginia Municipal League (VML).

This is the first of three anticipated Board discussions to develop its priorities for the 2022 General Assembly session.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Mission - To enhance the well-being and quality of life for all community members through the provision of the highest level of public service consistent with the prudent use of public funds.

DISCUSSION: Following are the legislative priorities suggested by Supervisors or staff over the past several months:

- Speed monitoring devices: Expand the authority to use speed monitoring devices on the County's rural roads, which under the current new law may be used in school crossing zones and highway work zones.
- State technology: Request the State to comprehensively upgrade its technology to better serve the Commonwealth.
- Recordation fees: Establish an additional recordation fee or tax whose revenue must be devoted to affordable housing programs within the locality.
- Erosion and sediment control: Establish a minimum erosion and sediment control standard for agriculture and forestry operations.
- Utilities: Require utilities to be responsible for their infrastructure when infrastructure failures affect customers.

Staff has recently identified one additional priority to recommend to the Board for consideration, but it requires further analysis before it is presented. These priorities are in addition to multi-year, multi-locality, legislative projects, such as seeking authority to impose impact fees on development to offset impacts on public facilities.

Staff will provide more information about each of these items, as well as a review of new legislation from the General Assembly's 2020 special session and 2021 session, at the Board's July 7 meeting.

BUDGET IMPACT: There are no specific, identifiable budget impacts.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board review the list of legislative priorities that have been suggested, identify those that have preliminary Board support, and recommend any changes and additions.

ATTACHMENTS: None.