



Albemarle County

Legislation Text

File #: 16-408, **Version:** 1

AGENDA DATE: 8/3/2016

TITLE:

License Agreement for Historical Sign on County Property

SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: Resolution approving a license agreement to allow the City of Charlottesville to place a historical sign adjacent to the County Courthouse

ITEM TYPE: Consent Action Item

STAFF CONTACT(S): Foley, Letteri, Kamptner, Herrick, and Maliszewski

PRESENTER (S): N/A

LEGAL REVIEW: Yes

REVIEWED BY: Thomas C. Foley

BACKGROUND: The City of Charlottesville and its Historic Resources Committee have requested County authorization to replace the 4' X 5' sign face providing historical information within an existing 4' 6" x 7' 3" sign structure adjacent to the County Courthouse in Court Square (Tax Map and Parcel 07700-00-00-00100). The content and location of the proposed sign are shown in Attachments A and B. Photographs of the existing sign and its location are provided in Attachment C. The existing 4' 6" x 7' 3" sign structure, including sign posts, would be unchanged.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Prioritize, plan and invest in critical infrastructure that responds to past and future changes and improves the capacity to serve community needs

DISCUSSION: The placement of this sign on County property requires the Board's approval and the execution of a sign license agreement between the County and the City. Staff has not been able to find a sign license agreement or any other Board approval authorizing the existing sign structure and sign face. Staff has prepared the attached draft Sign License Agreement (Attachment D). Under the proposed Agreement, the size, design, and placement of the proposed sign would be subject to the County's approval, and the City would install and maintain the sign at its own expense. Either party could terminate the Agreement. If terminated, the City would be required to promptly remove the sign and to restore the site to its prior condition.

The Sign License Agreement and the sketch accompanying the Agreement (Attachment B to the Executive Summary) have been revised since the July 6, 2016 Board meeting to clarify that the "Sign Area" refers to the horizontal space on the ground, that the dimensions of the sign structure, which is existing, will not exceed 4'6" in width and 7'3" in height, and that the sign face being replaced will not exceed 4' in width and 5' in height.

BUDGET IMPACT: There is no foreseeable budget impact for granting authorization to the County Executive to sign the Agreement.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that, if the Board wishes to authorize the proposed historical sign adjacent to the County

Courthouse, that it adopt the attached Resolution (Attachment D) approving the Sign License Agreement and authorizing the County Executive to sign the Agreement on behalf of the County once the County Attorney has approved the Agreement as to form and substance.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A - Depiction and Content of Proposed Sign
- B - Location of Proposed Sign
- C - Photographs
- D - Proposed Sign License Agreement
- E - Resolution