



Albemarle County

Legislation Text

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AGENDA DATE: 6/2/2021

TITLE:

Public Hearing to Consider Easement under Boulders Road

SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: Public hearing to consider a request from the U.S. Army for a cable easement under Boulders Road adjacent to the National Ground Intelligence Center

ITEM TYPE: Regular Action Item

STAFF CONTACT(S): Richardson, Walker, Kamptner, Herrick

PRESENTER (S): Andy Herrick

LEGAL REVIEW: Yes

REVIEWED BY: Jeffrey B. Richardson

BACKGROUND: At its meeting on April 10, 2013, the Board authorized the County to grant 10-foot wide easements within Boulders Road, then a public right-of-way owned by the County (TMP 003200-00-00-005C3), to CenturyLink, in the locations shown on the attached deed and plat (Attachment A). The deed of easement allows CenturyLink to install and maintain underground cables and related facilities or structures within the easement area to serve the National Ground Intelligence Center (NGIC). The deed also grants CenturyLink the right of ingress and egress to the easement area.

Recently, the U.S. Army has approached County staff, requesting that the U.S. hold the cable easement under Boulders Road.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Thriving Development Areas - Attract quality employment, commercial, and high density residential uses into development areas by providing services and infrastructure that encourage redevelopment and private investment while protecting the quality of neighborhoods.

DISCUSSION: *Virginia Code* § 15.2-1800 requires that the Board hold a public hearing prior to conveyance of any interest in County-owned real property. The U.S. Army has drafted a proposed lease of this easement to the U.S. (Attachment B). County staff is agreeable to the terms of the proposed lease, subject to the Board's review and approval.

BUDGET IMPACT: Under the proposed lease, the County would realize \$2,242 per year in rental revenue.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that, after holding the public hearing, the Board adopt the attached resolution (Attachment C) to approve the requested lease and to authorize the County Executive to sign both a lease of the proposed easement and any other related documents on behalf of the County, after those documents have been approved in substance and form by the County Attorney.

ATTACHMENTS:

A - CenturyLink Deed and Plat

B - Proposed U.S. Lease

C - Resolution