



Albemarle County

Legislation Text

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AGENDA DATE: 6/13/2018

TITLE:

Public Recreational Facilities Authority (PRFA) Name Change

SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: Advertise public hearing to consider PRFA's requested name change to Albemarle Conservation Easement Authority

ITEM TYPE: Consent Action Item

STAFF CONTACT(S): Richardson, Walker, Kamptner, Herrick, Gast-Bray, Maliszewski, Clark

PRESENTER (S): N/A

LEGAL REVIEW: Yes

REVIEWED BY: Choose an item.

BACKGROUND: The Albemarle County Public Recreational Facilities Authority (PRFA) accepts, holds, and administers open-space land easements throughout the County under the Virginia Open-Space Land Act. At its February 22 meeting, the PRFA asked staff to explore changing the name of the Authority to the Albemarle Conservation Easement Authority (ACEA) to better describe its purpose. Because the requested name contains the word "authority," it appears permissible under *Virginia Code* § 15.2-5602(A). However, the name must be reflected in the Authority's Articles of Incorporation, which in turn requires Board of Supervisors' review and approval at a public hearing.

STRATEGIC PLAN: *Natural Resources Stewardship:* Thoughtfully protect and manage Albemarle County's ecosystems and natural resources in both the rural and development areas to safeguard the quality of life of current and future generations

Rural Area Character: Preserve the character of rural life with thriving farms and forests, traditional crossroad communities, and protected scenic areas, historic sites, and biodiversity

DISCUSSION: Staff has prepared the attached draft Amended Articles of Incorporation for initial review. Except for the initial recitals, the proposed new name, and the listing of current members, the draft Amended Articles largely track the Authority's existing original Articles.

Please note that under *Virginia Code* § 15.2-5602(B), the articles must set forth:

1. The name of the authority and address of its principal office.
2. A statement that the authority is created under the Public Recreational Facilities Authorities Act.
3. The name of each participating locality.
4. The names, addresses and terms of office of the first members of the authority.
5. The purpose or purposes for which the authority is to be created.

The Amended Articles will require members' addresses, which staff will compile and add prior to the public hearing.

BUDGET IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

If the Board wishes to consider the requested name change, staff recommends advertising a future public hearing to consider the proposed amendments to the Authority's Articles of Incorporation.

ATTACHMENTS:

A - Proposed Amended Articles of Incorporation