



Albemarle County

Legislation Text

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AGENDA DATE: 8/7/2019

TITLE:

An Ordinance to Amend County Code Chapter 9, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article III, Video-Monitoring System

SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: Public hearing to consider an ordinance to amend County Code Chapter 9, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article III, Video-Monitoring System

ITEM TYPE: Regular Action Item

STAFF CONTACT(S): Richardson, Walker, Kamptner, Farley, Foley, J.

PRESENTER (S): Amanda Farley

LEGAL REVIEW: Yes

REVIEWED BY: Jeffrey B. Richardson

BACKGROUND: Virginia Code §§ 46.2-208 and 46.2-844 authorize the County to enact ordinances and contract with private vendors to administer a video-monitoring system on school buses. Recent amendments to the Virginia Code expressly permit such vendors to have access to records of the Department of Motor Vehicles. The changes recommended in the attached proposed ordinance (Attachment A) would conform the Albemarle County Code to those Virginia Code changes and authorize a video-monitoring program that meets legal requirements.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Quality Government Operations: Ensure County's government capacity to provide high quality service that achieves community priorities.

DISCUSSION: The attached proposed ordinance (Attachment A) incorporates Virginia Code amendments from the 2019 General Assembly session, as well as prior changes to the Virginia Code that have not previously been included in the County Code.

Virginia Code § 46.2-844 permits but does not require any civil penalties collected to be remitted to the School Board. The current proposed ordinance provides that any civil penalties collected would be remitted to the County. If the proposed ordinance is adopted and the program implemented, staff will come back to the Board approximately one year after the program is implemented to report the actual budget impact so the Board can determine what portion, if any, of the collected civil penalties should be appropriated to the School Board.

BUDGET IMPACT: Implementing a school bus arm camera program would have a staffing and an administrative impact to the Police Department, and would impact the workloads of staff in the County Attorney's Office and the Finance Department. Staff anticipates that those impacts could be handled by existing staff, but that Police Department staff would have to work overtime to verify violations. See Attachment B for more information about the program, as well as a detailed budget impact analysis that includes an assumption of 10 busses being fitted with cameras.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Board adopt the attached proposed ordinance (Attachment A).

ATTACHMENTS:

A - Proposed Ordinance

B - Budget Impact Analysis