



Albemarle County

Legislation Text

File #: 19-502, **Version:** 1

AGENDA DATE: 11/6/2019

TITLE:

Dominion Energy's Request for Easement on Tax Parcel 093A1-00-00-00200

SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: Public hearing to receive comments from the public on Dominion Energy's request for an underground easement on Tax Parcel 093A1-00-00-00200.

ITEM TYPE: Regular Action Item

STAFF CONTACT(S): Richardson, Henry, Kamptner, Herrick, Stewart, Freitas

PRESENTER (S): Michael Freitas

LEGAL REVIEW: Yes

REVIEWED BY: Jeffrey B. Richardson

BACKGROUND: Dominion Energy has requested an underground easement (Attachment A) on County owned property, parcel 093A1-00-00-00200, to further its Strategic Underground Program. The goal of this program is to improve electrical service reliability by undergrounding certain overhead electric lines. The program is voluntary, and if the requisite easements are not obtained, the project will be placed on hold indefinitely. Dominion Energy will not use eminent domain to acquire easements to further the project.

Virginia Code § 15.2-1800(B) requires a public hearing for this proposed disposal of County property.

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

DISCUSSION: This 6-acre parcel is in the Glenmore subdivision and is the site of the East Rivanna Fire Station. The property is co-owned by the County and the East Rivanna Volunteer Fire Company. There are two existing underground utility easements on the property, one of which would be abandoned if this request is approved. Staff from Albemarle Parks and Recreation, Community Development, Office of Economic Development, Albemarle County Public Schools, Albemarle County Police Department, and Albemarle County Fire rescue have reviewed this easement request and have no issues or concerns with it. Additionally, the East Rivanna Volunteer Fire Company has reviewed the request and has no issue with granting the easement.

BUDGET IMPACT: There are no budget impacts associated with this request.

RECOMMENDATION:

After conducting a public hearing on the proposed easement, staff recommends that the Board approve the request for easement and authorize the County Executive to sign the easement agreement.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A - Dominion Energy's Request for Easement

