



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of February 21, 2009**

DATE: January 26, 2009

SUBJECT: Request to advertise the Rosslyn Business Improvement Service District (“Rosslyn BID”) tax rate as part of the overall real estate tax rate.

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

Advertise for the public hearing on March 26, 2009 for a proposed Calendar Year (CY) 2009 tax rate for the Rosslyn Business Improvement Service District (“Rosslyn BID”) of \$0.080 that is in addition to the current real estate rate, using the attached resolution (Attachment I).

ISSUE: As part of the regular budget process, authorization from the County Board is being requested to advertise a public hearing to set the tax rate for the Rosslyn Business Improvement District (RBID) to fund the FY 2010 budget and workplan of the RBID. The setting of this additional tax rate requires a public hearing, and this hearing must be publicly noticed.

SUMMARY: The proposed tax rate of the Rosslyn Business Improvement District is \$0.080 per \$100 of assessed value for CY 2009, a decrease of \$0.002 from CY 2008. A CY 2009 tax rate of \$0.080 would fund the FY 2010 proposed budget and work plan submitted by the Rosslyn Business Improvement Corporation (RBIC).

BACKGROUND: A group of Rosslyn commercial property owners, acting as a steering committee for the establishment of a business improvement district (BID), proposed that the County Board establish such a district in the Rosslyn “core” area to further promote development of Rosslyn as a “world class commercial center.” At its December 7, 2002 meeting, the County Board adopted an ordinance creating the Rosslyn Business Improvement District for the purpose of providing additional levels of services to the properties in the district, above those funded from the Countywide general fund activities.

DISCUSSION: The business improvement district comprises 241 parcels in the Rosslyn “core” and the service area is comprised of approximately 20 blocks. Enhanced services provided in the service district will be in the areas of; 1) Beautification, Cleaning, and Maintenance; 2) Community Activities and Events; 3) Transportation, Parking, Pedestrian and Safety Programs; 4) Marketing and Promotion; and, 5) Social Programs.

County Manager: _____

County Attorney: _____

Staff: Colleen Donnelly, Department of Management and Finance

For FY 2010, the Rosslyn Business Improvement Corporation (RBIC) has proposed a work program and budget for the sixth year of operation of the BID. If the work program and budget are accepted by the County Board as part of the FY 2010 budget process, it will require an additional real estate tax levy on properties within the Business Improvement District in the amount of \$0.080 per one hundred dollars of assessed value for CY 2009 which will generate approximately \$3,100,000 for additional services in the BID for FY 2010.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact to the County for the additional tax rate imposed on the Rosslyn Business Improvement District. The County receives 1% of the service district's supplemental tax rate revenue to offset the costs of administering the Rosslyn Business Improvement District. These funds are included in the Manager's FY 2010 Proposed Budget.

ATTACHMENT I

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A 2009 TAX LEVY RATE FOR THE ROSSLYN
BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (“ROSSLYN BID”)**

RESOLVED, that the County Board of Arlington County, acting as the governing body of the Rosslyn Business Improvement Service District (“Rosslyn BID”), does hereby establish a calendar year 2009 tax levy for the District in the amount of \$0.080 per one hundred dollars of assessed value of all taxable real estate located within the boundaries of the Rosslyn Business Improvement Service District (“Rosslyn BID”), and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such taxes, when and if appropriated by the County Board, acting as the governing body of the Rosslyn Business Improvement Service District (“Rosslyn BID”), shall be used solely to fund the Budget and Work Program of the District as adopted by the County Board for the purposes of the District.

Hope Halleck, Clerk
Arlington County Board

Rosslyn Business Improvement Tax District



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- Tax Exempt

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