



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

County Board Agenda Item Meeting of July 09, 2011

DATE: June 13, 2011

SUBJECT: Request to advertise amendment, reenactment and re-codification of all Chapters of the Arlington County Code to update and standardize formatting and styling, and to conform the Code to previously approved County Board actions.

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize advertisement of a public hearing on September 17, 2011 to adopt the re-codified County Code to standardize formatting, correct errors and bring the Code into conformance with approved County Board actions.

ISSUES: County Board action is needed to re-codify the County Code. This is a request to advertise for public hearings at the September 17, 2011, County Board meeting. No issues have been identified.

SUMMARY: The Clerk to the Board, with the assistance of the County Attorney's Office, has completed a review of all previous Board actions from calendar year 2000 to the present to correct errors and omissions in the County Code necessitating revision and reprinting of the Code.

BACKGROUND: At the direction of the County Board, the Clerk to the Board, with assistance from the County Attorney's Office, has engaged in a detailed, intensive review of all County Board actions taken from calendar year 2000 to the present impacting the County Code and has revised the Code accordingly.

DISCUSSION: The Clerk to the Board, with the assistance of the County Attorney's Office, has conducted an intensive review of County Board actions taken from calendar year 2000 to the present affecting the County Code and has updated the Code accordingly. These updates included correcting formatting issues and clerical errors, replacing sections that were erroneously removed, eliminating sections that mistakenly remained, updating the names of County departments, and updating cross references to the Code of Virginia. The Clerk has also standardized the formatting of the Code, and produced a Style Guide to guide future amendments to the Code and avoid future formatting inconsistencies.

County Manager:

BMD/mjs

County Attorney:

MNC

Staff: Hope L. Halleck, Clerk to the County Board

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Additionally, a rule of construction for the term “County Manager” has been added to Chapter One of the County Code in order to standardize the use of that term throughout the Code.

The proposed re-codified County Code contains no changes that modify the current substance of the Code. The revisions are limited to those “housekeeping changes” identified above. Because the revisions go beyond those the Clerk is authorized to make herself, County Board action is required.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact.