



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

County Board Agenda Item Meeting of April 21, 2012

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

DATE: April 19, 2012

SUBJECT: Adopt the CY 2012 real estate tax rate, the commercial real estate tax rate and the sanitary district tax rate.

C.M. RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Adopt the Calendar Year (CY) 2012 base real estate tax rate of \$0.958 per \$100 of assessed value using the attached resolution (Attachment I).
2. Ratify the commercial real estate tax for transportation initiatives at \$0.125 per \$100 of assessed value using the attached a (Attachment I).
3. Ratify the sanitary district tax for stormwater management at \$0.013 per \$100 of assessed value using the attached resolution (Attachment I).

DISCUSSION: After lengthy deliberations and a public review process, the County Board has balanced the FY 2013 budget by setting the CY 2012 base real estate tax rate at \$0.958 per \$100 of assessed value.

With the base real estate tax rate set at \$0.958 per \$100 of assessed value, the total General Fund revenues are projected at \$1,052,109,731. The County transfer to the Arlington Public Schools is \$405,118,548 which includes one-time and ongoing funding. The County is also setting aside \$1.9 million in additional funds for the Schools pending a detailed analysis of the impact of recent changes to the Virginia Retirement System on Schools' employees. If the \$1.9 million in additional funding is transferred to the Schools, then the total transfer would be \$407,018,548. Based on the total ongoing local tax revenue shared with Schools (including the \$1.9 million), the Schools receive 45.9% of local tax revenue in FY 2013.

The County Board has also agreed to set the CY 2012 tax rate levied on commercial properties for transportation initiatives at the existing rate of \$0.125 per \$100 of assessed value. This will generate \$24.0 million to fund the transportation capital fund in FY 2013.

County Manager:

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County Attorney:

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The County Board has also agreed to set the CY 2012 sanitary district tax rate at the existing rate of \$0.013 per \$100 of assessed value. This will generate \$8.0 million to fund the stormwater capital fund in FY 2013.

Attachment I: Resolution Fixing the County Real Property Levy has been revised to reflect the CY 2012 tax rates.

**ATTACHMENT I
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA
#1 COURTHOUSE PLAZA**

RESOLUTION FIXING COUNTY REAL ESTATE LEVY

BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the County Board of Arlington County, Virginia, that there is hereby levied for the tax year (CY) 2012, a tax of \$0.958 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of all taxable real estate located in this County for County and School purposes. The levy hereby ordered is also applicable to real estate of the public service corporations based upon the assessment thereof by Arlington County, the State Corporation Commission, and the State Department of Taxation, and duly certified; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that such taxes, when and if appropriated by the County Board of this County, shall be used to defray the County and School charges and expenses and all necessary charges incident to or arising from the execution of the lawful authority of the County Board of Arlington; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that such taxes for County and School purposes appropriated or unappropriated and unused to defray County and School charges and expenses shall return to the General Fund of the County to be used to defray County and School charges and expenses and all necessary charges incident to or arising from the execution of the lawful authority of the County Board of Arlington County for the next fiscal year; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the sanitary district tax codified in § 26-13 of the Arlington County Code and the real estate tax on properties used for or zoned to permit commercial and industrial purposes codified in § 20-6(c) of the Arlington County Code be maintained at the existing rates of \$0.013 and \$0.125 per one hundred dollars of assessed value, respectively.