



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

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| County Board Agenda Item Meeting of February 23, 2008 |
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DATE: January 30, 2008

SUBJECT: Request to advertise the Chain Bridge Road Service District tax rate as part of the real estate tax rate.

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

Advertise for the public hearing to be held on March 27, 2008 for a proposed Calendar Year 2008 tax rate for the Chain Bridge Road Service District of \$0.056 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 Chain Bridge Road Service District to ensure repayment through the County for construction of a sanitary sewer line. The setting of this additional tax rate requires a public hearing, and this hearing must be publicly noticed.

SUMMARY: The proposed tax rate of \$0.056 per \$100 of assessed value for CY 2008 is an increase of \$0.003 from CY 2007 due to lower real estate assessments for the properties in the district. The Chain Bridge Road Service District funds the annual repayment for the design and construction of the sewer line extension within the Service District along Chain Bridge Road to Private Utility Management Project, L.L.C.

BACKGROUND: At its March 17, 2001 meeting, the County Board adopted an ordinance creating the Chain Bridge Road Service District for the purpose of funding the extension of a sanitary sewer line within the Service District along Chain Bridge Road. The Board also authorized the County Manager to execute an agreement on behalf of the Service District with the construction company (Private Utility Management Project, L.L.C.) that funded the design and construction of the sewer line extension and will be reimbursed by the Service District properties in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 (except for obligations arising out of reimbursable litigation costs). The annual repayment by the Service District to the construction company started with the County's Fiscal Year 2003 budget and continues through FY 2009. The agreement outlined the Service District's commitment, subject to annual appropriations, to levy a Service District tax to generate sufficient funds to repay the construction company over the seven-year period. The tax rate each year will

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depend upon annual assessed values of the properties identified as part of the Chain Bridge Road Service District.

DISCUSSION: The Chain Bridge Road Service District comprises twenty-three (23) properties along Chain Bridge Road in Arlington County. Taxes are to be levied on the Service District based on the existing property assessments of the District properties. The actual tax rate will vary each year according to property assessments and repayment balance due. The final installment payment to the construction company is \$70,583. Based on the Calendar Year 2008 assessments of the affected properties, a Service District tax rate of \$0.056, in addition to the current real estate tax rate, is required to recoup the final balance due of \$70,583 from the district properties.

FISCAL IMPACT: The revenue and expense are included in the County Manager's FY 2009 Proposed Budget.

**ATTACHMENT I
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA**

RESOLUTION FIXING CHAIN BRIDGE ROAD SERVICE DISTRICT TAX LEVY

BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the County Board of Arlington County, Virginia, acting as the governing body of the Chain Bridge Road Service District, that there is hereby levied for the tax year (CY) 2008, a tax of \$0.056 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation of all taxable real estate located in the Chain Bridge Road Service District of the County.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that such taxes, when and if appropriated by the County Board acting as the governing body of the Chain Bridge Road Service District, shall be used to defray the Cost of the Project as identified in the Agreement for Design and Construction of Sewer Line between the Service District and Private Utility Management Project, LLC.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that such taxes charged to the Chain Bridge Road Service District for the aforesaid intended purposes, whether appropriated or not and otherwise unused to defray the Cost of the Project, shall return to the General Fund of the Chain Bridge Road Service District to be used to defray the Cost of the Project for the next fiscal year.

Aubryn Bednar, Acting Clerk
Arlington County Board

ATTACHMENT II

