



Town of Dumfries  
Council Meeting

Meeting Date: August 20, 2013

Agenda Item# IX - D

AGENDA ITEM FORM

**TYPE OF AGENDA ITEM:**

- CONSENT AGENDA
- PRESENTATION
- ACTION ITEM
- TOWN MANAGER & STAFF COMMENTS
- PUBLIC HEARING
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**PURPOSE OF ITEM:**

- INFORMATION ONLY
- DISCUSSION ONLY
- DISCUSSION AND/OR DECISION
  - Introduction     Resolution
  - Ordinance       Grant/MOU
  - By Motion         Bylaws
  - Certificate

**PRESENTER:** Laura O'Dell

**PRESENTER TITLE:** Planner/Zoning Administrator

**AGENDA ITEM:**

Nuisance Ordinance Amendment: Graffiti Code

**BACKGROUND / SUMMARY:**

The Town has received several complaints about graffiti on privately owned property in Town. Currently the Town does not have an ordinance regulating this or recognizing graffiti as illegal. In order to respond to graffiti complaints it is necessary to have an ordinance in place. Prince William County has successfully implemented a graffiti ordinance to address these issues. Attached is the proposed language for graffiti prevention and removal, which will fall under Article II of Section 26, Nuisances.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Proposed Ordinance

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

NO ACTION REQUESTED

Provide comments and direction for Staff

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:**

Phone#:

Name:

E-mail:

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**VOTE:**

PASSED

NOT PASSED

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## Proposed Ordinance Change

Sect. 26-22

### 14. *Graffiti Prevention and Removal*

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully or maliciously damage or deface any public building, facility or personal property or any private building, facility or personal property.

(a) *Definition.* "Defacement" shall mean the unauthorized application by any means of writing, painting, drawing, etching, scratching or marking of an inscription, word, mark, figure or design of any type.

(b) *Graffiti declared a nuisance.* Damage to or defacement of property within the Town is expressly declared a public nuisance, and is subject to the removal and abatement procedures specified in this article.