

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE DUMFRIES TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2012, IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 17755 MAIN STREET, DUMFRIES, VIRGINIA: ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY _____, AND SECONDED BY _____, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Charles C. Brewer, ;
Gerald M. Foreman, II, ;
Kristin W. Forrester, ;
Helen D. Reynolds, ;
Willie J. Toney, ;
TBD
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A Resolution Requesting Support of Increasing the Enforcement Powers of the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) Regarding Negotiating the Settlement of Notices of Violation and Distribution of Assessed Fines.

Whereas, VDEQ has the statutory power to investigate alleged violations of DEQ statutes and requirements and to issue a Notice of Violation where appropriate; and

Whereas, a current process involves VDEQ staff entering into a period of negotiation and discussion over any Notice of Violation and crafting a Consent Order that outlines remediation for the violations noted and assessing an appropriate fine if any; and

Whereas, local jurisdictions have no official input beyond the public comment period in the Consent Order negotiations and can only comment at the level of any individual that wishes to address the contents of the Consent Order; and

Whereas, despite any direct adverse effects of the violations on any local jurisdiction and its citizens, any fines assessed are paid directly to the state without any consideration for any damages that the local jurisdiction might have incurred .

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the Town of Dumfries does hereby request that the VDEQ be given more enforcement powers in general and more negotiation authority once discussions for a Consent Order are underway. In addition, amendments to the existing codes and regulations should be made allowing for the sharing of imposed fines with local jurisdictions impacted.

By Order of Council:

Gerald M. Foreman
Mayor

Attest: _____
Dawn Hobgood, Clerk

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A Resolution In Support of a Study to Examine State Roadway Maintenance and Expansion of Major Roadways Adjacent to Interstate Highways

Whereas, transportation issues have been identified as a main priority for the Town of Dumfries, with the widening of Route 1 through the Town and issue that will have the greatest economic development impact on the future of the Town; and

Whereas, Route 1 through the Town of Dumfries does not have the capacity to effectively handle the rush hour and Saturday traffic volume that at times turns both the north and south bound lanes into gridlock; and

Whereas, the Council of the Town of Dumfries supports any and all efforts to identify and allocate state and federal funding for the Route 1 Project.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved by the Council of the Town of Dumfries that the General Assembly and the Governor of Virginia are hereby requested to initiate and fully support initiatives to examine state highway maintenance programs and the expansion of major roadways adjacent to interstate highways to determine those that can be modified to alleviate some of the financial burden on state and local taxpayers.

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A Resolution In Support of Increasing Waterway Restoration in the Commonwealth of Virginia

Whereas, the condition of many of the waterways in the Commonwealth of Virginia continue to deteriorate; and

Whereas, the Town Council of the Town of Dumfries supports the continuing emphasis on the restoration of all waterways within the Commonwealth of Virginia with specific emphasis on those waterways within and adjacent to the Town of Dumfries; and

Whereas, a critical need exists to continue to examine and expand all of the Commonwealth's conservation of waterways programs to include silt removal, invasive fish eradication, invasive plant material and programs to mitigate damages caused by erosion and ineffective storm water management; and

Whereas, existing programs need to be modified to alleviate some of the financial burden on state and local taxpayers.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved by the Council of the Town of Dumfries that the General Assembly and the Governor of Virginia are hereby requested to fully support any initiatives that will increase funding for waterway restoration programs for local jurisdictions to include funding for appropriate studies, planning, and actual restoration efforts.

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