

Resolution on Parking Restrictions

WHEREAS, currently a considerable amount of confusion exists concerning the ability to preclude the parking of objectionable vehicles, boats and trailers on streets maintained by the Virginia Department of Transportation, and

WHEREAS, communities with governing covenants and those who have adopted Residential or Community Parking Districts possess adequate protection against the parking of objectionable conveyances, though the communities without these legal shields are faced with difficult enforcement problems, and

WHEREAS, all communities should receive similar protection from recognized hazards, and

WHEREAS, Fairfax County is authorized by the Commonwealth of Virginia, through enabling legislation, to adopt all, any or none of the Commonwealth Statutes governing parking, and

WHEREAS, in 2000 the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors adopted Statute 46.2-1224 as part of the State Traffic Code governing commercial vehicles and provided that Statute 46.2-1222.1 governing other conveyances be integrated into the County Parking Ordinance, and

WHEREAS, Statute 46.2-1222.1 appears to accommodate appropriate parking restrictions for watercrafts, boat trailers, motor homes, trailers, vehicles with three or more axles, vehicles with gross weight of 12,000 lbs and higher and vehicles designed to transport 16 or more passengers; these, however, in view of the Board of Supervisor language, can only be enforced in Fairfax County when the Community adopts a Residential or Community Parking District, and

WHEREAS, the creation of a Community Parking District requires a community to solicit support from individual home owners, seek monetary contributions and procure/emplace prescribed signage, and can lead to intra-community friction, and

WHEREAS, if the same Statute 46.2-1222.1 was adopted by the Board of Supervisors as a stand-alone Ordinance, the provided parking restrictions would govern without the creation of Residential or Community Parking Districts and thereby provide legal authority for equitable County-wide enforcement.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Supervisors adopt Statute 46.2-1222.1 as a stand-alone Ordinance and thereby eliminate the odious requirement of creating Residential or Community Parking Districts to achieve equal protection from objectionable conveyances parked on Virginia Department of Transportation maintained streets.

Resolution Requesting Additional School Resources in FY2007

WHEREAS, the administration and staff of Fairfax County Public Schools (hereinafter collectively "FCPS") are currently developing a School Budget for fiscal year 2007 ("FY2007 Budget") to be presented to the School Board in January 2006 and eventually to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in April 2006, and

WHEREAS, the public will have several opportunities to comment on the FY2007 Budget during the budget approval process in early 2006, but some suggestions for additional or redirected resources may be more effectively presented during the budget development process, and

WHEREAS, FCPS has recognized that schools with large disadvantaged populations--minority, poor and/or immigrant students-- and with high student mobility ("impact schools") need additional resources if they are to meet the high expectations of Commonwealth of Virginia accreditation standards and of the No Child Left Behind Act, as well as the expectation of the community that children at every level of the achievement spectrum will receive the attention needed to reach maximum academic potential, and

WHEREAS, FCPS has directed additional resources to impact schools resulting in significant progress in meeting achievement targets, particularly at the elementary school level, but progress has been slower at middle and high school levels, where higher level thinking requirements sometimes exacerbates minor academic deficits, and some past programs designed to assist impact secondary schools (such as "Focus 2004") were not fully funded, and

WHEREAS, in the Mount Vernon area, Mount Vernon High School (MVHS) and its feeder Whitman Middle School (WMS) have long been recognized by FCPS as impact schools and were included in the underfunded Focus 2004, and West Potomac High School (WPHS) and its feeder Sandburg (SMS) are also impact schools, with all four schools having large numbers of highly mobile, disadvantaged, and under-achieving students as well as many other students at the middle and high range of achievement who also require attention to reach full potential, and

WHEREAS, all four schools, MVHS, WMS, WPHS and SMS, have made significant progress with the help of FCPS and through the efforts of dedicated staff at each school, but experience at these schools and at others similarly situated have shown both the effectiveness of and need for additional resources if they are to meet the needs of all students, including but not limited to the following:

(1) Additional instructional staffing consideration to allow impact schools to maintain or reduce class size while increasing student support instructional staff support (such as instructional coaches, reading/literacy and math specialists, and instructional aides), or, in the alternative, additional flexibility and funding of instructional services allotments to permit schools to better tailor staffing to particular needs;

(2) Recognition in instructional and clerical staffing formulae of the special challenges of highly mobile and disadvantaged populations including: late school registration which typically causes staffing issues