

**RESOLUTION**

**2018 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, James City County has developed a Legislative Program for the consideration of the 2018 session of the General Assembly which outlines certain legislative policies that the Board believes ought to guide the General Assembly and proposes certain legislation that would benefit the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board has carefully considered its Legislative Program and believes that it is in the best interests of the citizens of James City County.

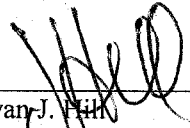
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, hereby approves the County's 2018 Legislative Program and commends it to the County's representatives in the General Assembly for action.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the County's 2018 Legislative Program be forwarded to the County's elected representatives to the General Assembly.



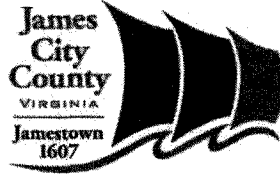
Kevin D. Onizuk  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

  
Bryan J. Fink  
Clerk to the Board

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Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, this 14th day of November, 2017.



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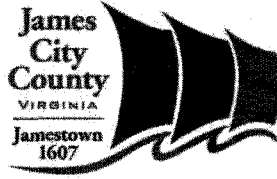
**Part I. Legislation Introduced on Behalf of the County**

- 1-1. INCLUDE JAMES CITY COUNTY AS ONE OF THE LOCALITIES THAT MAY REGULATE INOPERATIVE MOTOR VEHICLES PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA CODE § 15.2-905

James City County requests an amendment of Virginia Code § 15.2-905 to include James City County in the list of Counties that may regulate inoperative vehicles.

- 1-2. AMEND VIRGINIA CODE § 36-105.3 TO CLARIFY THAT EMPLOYEES OF A LOCALITY MAY REVIEW ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS AND PLANS FOR ANY SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DWELLING.

James City County requests an amendment of Virginia Code § 36-105.3 to clarify that engineering and construction drawings and plans submitted for the purpose of complying with the Uniform Statewide Building Code or the Statewide Fire Prevention Code are not "confidential" to employees of the locality.



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### Part II. Position/Legislation Supported by the County

#### 2-1. STATE FUNDING FOR TOURISM

The County urges the General Assembly to increase funding for the Virginia Tourism Corporation ("VTC") to promote tourism in Virginia generally, and the Historic Triangle in particular.

#### 2-2. SUPPORT WIDENING OF I-64 TO 295

James City County supports the immediate widening of I-64 to 295 given the volumes of traffic and the burden on the County's Emergency Responders.

#### 2-3. MAINTENANCE OF NEW AND EXISTING SECONDARY ROADS

James City County opposes any legislation that would transfer to counties the responsibilities to construct, maintain or operate new or existing roads. Should such transfer of responsibilities occur, the state must provide continuing funding for the costs incurred by the localities.

#### 2-4. APPLICATION OF TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX TO TRAVEL COMPANIES AND INTERNET SALES

James City County supports a clarification of Virginia Code § 58.1-3819 et seq., to make sure that the transient occupancy tax applies to the entire amount charged for rooms by travel companies and on Internet sales regardless of any discounted rates paid by such companies for such rooms. This would provide equal taxing of room sales by Virginia businesses and Internet sales companies.

#### 2-5. ENHANCE RAIL SERVICE ON THE PENINSULA AND TO RICHMOND

The County supports improving commuter rail system from Richmond through the Peninsula to connect urban centers for commuters and provide transportation alternatives for tourism.

#### 2-6. SUPPORT THOMAS NELSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN ITS EFFORTS TO BUILD THE ADVANCED INTEGRATED MANUFACTURING (AIM) CENTER IN JAMES CITY COUNTY.

James City County was provided the Thomas Nelson Community College capital project requests to the state and supports the AIM Center being built on the James City County campus.

2-7. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES ACT ("CSA") FUNDING

James City County urges the General Assembly to: 1) adequately fund the Medicaid waiver program to reduce the waiting list of individuals and families now eligible for services; 2) provide services to children with serious emotional disorders; and 3) to cover reasonable administrative costs for CSA programs. Adequate funding and services will help prevent the mentally ill from being released early from treatment, living on the streets, going to jail, or being inappropriately placed in residential facilities or other government programs.

2-8. SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT

James City County supports maintaining State funding for mental health and substance abuse treatment in jails and juvenile detention facilities given the overwhelming percentage of adults and juveniles in the system diagnosed with mental health and/or substance abuse conditions.

2-9. TAX EQUITY BETWEEN CITIES AND COUNTIES

James City County supports equal taxing authority for cities and counties.

2-10. ALLOW ADVERTISEMENT OF REQUIRED PUBLIC NOTICES ON A LOCALITY'S WEBSITE AND THROUGH OTHER MEANS INSTEAD OF PUBLICATION IN A NEWSPAPER HAVING GENERAL CIRCULATION

James City County requests an amendment of Virginia Code § 15.2-107.1 to provide that wherever newspaper advertisement is required for public notices, a locality may instead publish such notice on its website and shall also provide, at the request of any citizen of the Commonwealth, notice by electronic or telephonic means or through the U.S. postal mail.

2-11. STATE FUNDING FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION, PRE-K, K-12 AND HIGHER EDUCATION

The County supports restoring the funding cuts made to pre-K and K-12 funding. In addition, the County supports restoring the funding cuts made to higher education which could cripple some of the most prestigious higher education institutions in the world, including the College of William & Mary.

2-12. ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES

James City County supports the State maintaining funding to public libraries to make sure that the State and the localities maintain their proportionate share of funding.

2-13. NO NEW STATE MANDATES AND ELIMINATE OR ADEQUATELY FUND EXISTING STATE MANDATES

James City County calls upon the General Assembly to oppose unfunded mandates and to reduce existing State mandates commensurate with any reduction in State funding to localities.

2-14. LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMS OF THE VIRGINIA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE, THE VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES AND THE VIRGINIA COALITION OF HIGH GROWTH COMMUNITIES

James City County supports the legislative programs of the Virginia Municipal League, the Virginia Association of Counties and the Virginia Coalition of High Growth Communities.

2-15. JAMES CITY COUNTY SUPPORTS CONTINUED FUNDING OF THE STORMWATER LOCAL ASSISTANCE FUNDS ("SLAF")

James City County supports providing continued state funding to the Department of Environmental Quality for Stormwater Local Assistance Funds.

2-16. NO WRONG DOOR VIRGINIA

James City County encourages the General Assembly to adopt the Virginia Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services' proposal to fund software licenses and training for local departments of social services under the No Wrong Door Virginia program.

2-17. EMERGENCY CONSERVATOR APPOINTMENTS

James City County supports the League of Social Services' efforts to amend Virginia Code section 63.2-1609 to provide for the emergency appointment of a temporary conservator in cases where alleged financial exploitation imposes an immediate threat to incapacitated persons.

2-18. STATE FUNDING FOR MANDATED SERVICES PROVIDED BY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARDS

James City County supports Colonial Behavioral Health in its mission to provide needed services to individuals and families affected by mental illness, intellectual disabilities and substance use disorders and encourages the General Assembly to adequately fund state mandated services and programs for all Community Services Boards.