

RESOLUTION

2022 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, James City County has developed a Legislative Program for the consideration of the 2022 session of the General Assembly which outlines certain legislative policies which 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 2022 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 2022 Legislative Program be forwarded to the County's elected representatives to the General Assembly.


Michael J. Hipple
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:


Teresa J. Fellows
Deputy Clerk to the Board

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Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, this 9th day of November, 2021.

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JAMES CITY COUNTY 2022 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

Position/Legislation Supported by the County

1. CHANGE THE SCHOOL FUNDING INDEX TO MORE FAIRLY ALLOCATE STATE FUNDS AMONG LOCALITIES AND TO RAISE THE COMMONWEALTH'S MONETARY CONTRIBUTION TO LOCAL SCHOOLS
2. DECENTRALIZE THE HAMPTON/PENINSULA HEATH DISTRICT INTO THREE SEPARATE, SMALLER DISTRICTS
3. AMEND THE JAMES CITY COUNTY CHARTER TO ALLOW JAMES CITY COUNTY TO REFUSE TO ACCEPT BONDS AS A FORM OF SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT SECURITY

Virginia Code section 15.2-2241 requires that localities accept bonds as a form of surety for public improvements associated with new subdivisions. Over the past several years, the County has made more than a half-dozen bond calls and all have proven time consuming and difficult. Letters of credit and cash escrow options are better options to ensure that County citizens receive all approved subdivision improvements in a timely manner.

4. IMPACT FEES

The County encourages the General Assembly to revise existing impact fee laws to encourage the use of statutorily-calculated impact fees which reflect the true cost of residential development in lieu of cash proffers.

5. LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMS OF VML/VACO/VIRGINIA COALITION OF HIGH GROWTH COMMUNITIES

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

6. STATE FUNDING

James City County requests that the state adequately fund for local road improvements, tourism, substance abuse and mental health treatment, public education, stormwater local assistance funds ("SLAF" funding), reforestation, and public libraries.

7. QUALIFIED IMMUNITY

James City County encourages the General Assembly to vote against any bills that would eliminate or otherwise reduce the qualified immunity of police officers.