

RESUME

August 8, 2017

ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND "THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE, VIRGINIA," TO AMEND AND RE-ENACT CHAPTER 54, TO ADD SECTION 54-32 TO ALLOW FOR REIMBURSEMENT TO THE COUNTY FOR EXPENSES INCURRED IN RESPONDING TO A TERRORISM HOAX, FAKE BOMB THREAT OR FALSE FIRE ALARM EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017.

The General Assembly approved legislation that allows the County, as of July 1, 2017, to be reimbursed for expenses related to an incident resulting in an emergency response (law-enforcement, fire-fighting, rescue and emergency medical services) for responding to a false fire alarm. Previously, the General Assembly also authorized localities to obtain reimbursement for expenses relating to an incident resulting in an emergency response (law-enforcement, fire-fighting, rescue and emergency medical services) for a terrorism hoax, or fake bomb threat. This Ordinance would enable Prince George County to be reimbursed for an emergency response (law-enforcement, fire-fighting, rescue and emergency medical services) to all three situations (terrorism hoax, fake bomb threat or false fire alarm). The Ordinance would allow the County to either bill a flat fee of two hundred and fifty dollars, or a minute by minute accounting of the actual costs incurred up to a maximum of two thousand five hundred dollars.

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Prince George County Board of Supervisors that the Prince George County Code, Chapter 54, shall be amended and re-enacted by adding § 54-32 as follows:

Sec. 54-32. - Reimbursement of expenses incurred in responding to a terrorism hoax, fake bomb threat, or false fire alarm.

Any person who is convicted of a violation of Virginia Code § 18.2-46.6 subsection B or C, or a violation of § 18.2-212, when the violation of such section is the proximate cause of any incident resulting in an appropriate emergency response, shall be liable at the time of sentencing, or in a separate civil action, to the County, for the reasonable expense, in an amount not to exceed two thousand, five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00). In determining the "reasonable expense," the County may bill a flat fee of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) or a minute-by-minute accounting of the actual costs incurred. As used in this section, "appropriate emergency response" includes all costs of providing law-enforcement, fire-fighting, rescue and emergency medical services.

This Ordinance shall be retroactive to July 1, 2017.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARINGS
COUNTY OF PRINCE
GEORGE**

Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the Prince George County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, Third Floor of the County Administration Building, 6602 Courts Drive, Prince George, Virginia, (located at the intersection of Laurel Springs Road and Courts Drive in the County Government Complex) pursuant to § 15.2-1716.1, Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, to consider:

Adoption of an Ordinance to amend "The Code of the County of Prince George, Virginia", by amending and re-enacting Chapter 54, to add Section 54-32 to allow for reimbursement to the County for expenses incurred in responding to a terrorism hoax, fake bomb threat or false fire alarm effective July 1, 2017.

A copy of the proposed Ordinance is available for review in the Office of the County Administrator (Tel. 722-8600), 6602 Courts Drive, Prince George, Virginia. All interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard.

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County Administrator