

**RESUME**

July 10, 2018

**TABLED ITEM**

**REPORT: 2018 GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEGISLATION  
AFFECTING PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY**

After each General Assembly session, staff identifies changes in State law which: (1) authorize new ordinances at the discretion of the Board; or (2) mandate changes in how the County operates. The attached summary "scorecard" contains the staff recommendations on which items should be studied further or scheduled for a public hearing.

# 2018 Virginia General Assembly Legislation Affecting the County

## I. Optional or Discretionary Powers Granted to Counties

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Bill No.</u>	<u>Bill Description</u>	<u>Staff Recommendation</u>	<u>Board Decision</u>	
				<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>
(1)	HB 865	Allows County to require pet shops to furnish a bond. Would provide resources to care for dogs if business goes bankrupt.	Animal Services recommends that County not adopt Ordinance. Currently no pet shops in the County.	1. _____	2. _____
(2)	SB 211	Allows localities to include in the comprehensive plan recommendations to insure future availability of groundwater and surface water.	Recommend inclusion in Comp Plan.	1. _____	2. _____
(3)	SB 399	Allows County to establish its own or a regional overdose fatality review team.	Community Corrections to provide recommendation.	1. _____	2. _____
(4)	HB 609, SB 391	Allows County to adopt ordinance requiring installation of smoke alarms or carbon monoxide alarms in motels, apartments or rooming houses.	Building Official to study and provide recommendation.	1. _____	2. _____
(5)	SB 677	Allows appointment of member of local governing body to tourism board.	Review at time of next appointment.	1. _____	2. _____
(6)	HB 922, SB 908	Allows County to set up a fee-based electric vehicle charging station on County property.	Not recommended at this time.	1. _____	2. _____
(7)	HB 494	Allows localities in Chesapeake Bay to adopt a tree replacement ordinance.	Refer to Planning Commission	1. _____	2. _____

## **II. Mandatory Board Action**

<b><u>Item No.</u></b>	<b><u>Bill No.</u></b>	<b><u>Bill Description</u></b>
(1)	SB 14	Eliminates need to serve legal papers on Board of Supervisor members when County employees get sued.
(2)	HB 767, SB 983	Prohibits County from making any changes in voting precincts from February, 2019 to May, 2021 in order to focus on changes in election districts as a result of the 2020 census.
(3)	HB 1328	Exempts certain disabled hunters from local ordinance requiring hunting from elevated platforms.
(4)	HB 638, SB 921	Drawings and plans for residences submitted to County not to be disclosed under FOIA.
(5)	HB 511	Leaving a child with a person (not a family member) convicted of a sex crime against a minor must be investigated by Social Services.
(6)	HB 709	Increases maximum fine for zoning violations or failure to abate violations from \$1,000 to \$2,000
(7)	HB 796	Allows variances from Board of Zoning Appeals where purpose of the variance is to accommodate people with disabilities.
(8)	HB 97	Allows use of professional services without competitive negotiations process up to \$80,000.
(9)	HB 574, SB 688	Allows use of cooperative purchasing to replace school tracks and make stormwater improvements.
(10)	HB 1482, SB 508	Allows County use of drones to view accident scenes and locations of natural disasters.
(11)	HB 1367	Requires the County to provide information to the State of our emergency shelter capabilities by May 1 <sup>st</sup> each year.
(12)	HB 1388, SB 513	Alters funding formula for state 911 fund based on wireless calls. (County payment to remain approximately the same.)
(13)	HB 495	Allows release of certain tax information upon agreement by the taxpayer.
(14)	HB 871	Expands definitions used for agriculture or horticulture activities which qualify for land use tax treatment.

- (15) SB 902 Local property tax exemption for solar equipment limited to greater than 20 megawatts and less than 150 megawatts.
- (16) HB 08, SB 429 Requires locations to allow solar generation facilities used for a dwelling with rezoning or special exception.
- (17) HB 640 Requires planning commission to consider strategies to expand broadband infrastructure.
- (18) HB 1258, SB 405  
HB 1427, SB 823 Prohibits localities from requiring special exceptions/rezoning for telecommunications towers less than 50 feet high or co-locating on existing towers. Such towers are subject to administrative review and any related fees are capped.
- (19) HB 1412, SB 670 Requires mental health awareness training for fire/EMS personnel.