

Issue Analysis Form



Date: September 24, 2019
Item: Fee for Electronic Summons System
Lead Department(s): Police Department
Contact Person(s): Chief Keith Early

Description and Current Status

At the Board's September 10, 2019 work session, Chief Early presented information regarding Electronic Summons Systems. The Board indicated a consensus to move forward with consideration of approving a \$5.00 fee that would be collected in each criminal or traffic case, in District or Circuit Court, from any defendant who is convicted of violating any statute or ordinance in Prince George County. The proceeds from the collection of this fee can only be used to fund software, hardware and associated equipment costs related to an electronic summons system.

A draft ordinance is attached for consideration; a motion approving authority to advertise the ordinance for a public hearing on October 22, 2019, is requested.

Sample Motion: I move that the Board approve advertisement of an Ordinance to collect a \$5.00 fee for the purpose of funding an electronic summons system.

Government Path

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| Does this require IDA action? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Does this require BZA action? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Does This require Planning Commission Action? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Does this require Board of Supervisors action? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Does this require a public hearing? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| If so, before what date? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Fiscal Impact Statement

There is a fiscal impact to the County in terms of increased revenue for the purchase and implementation of an Electronic Summons System.

County Impact

Currently the County does not have an Electronic Summons System; an Electronic Summons System would enhance officer safety and promote greater efficiency.

Notes

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND “THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF
PRINCE GEORGE, VIRGINIA”, 2005, AS AMENDED, BY
ADDING § 46-5 TO ASSESS COSTS IN CRIMINAL AND TRAFFIC CASES TO
FUND AN ELECTRONIC SUMMONS SYSTEM**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Prince George County:

- (1) *That The Code of the County of Prince George, Virginia, 2005, as amended, is amended by adding § 46-5, as follows:*

SEC. 46-5: Electronic Summons Fee.

In addition to any other fee or cost prescribed by law, as part of the costs assessed in each criminal or traffic case in the Prince George County District or Circuit Court, there shall be imposed an Electronic Citation/Summons System Fee of \$5.00 on any defendant who is convicted of violating any statute or ordinance within the County of Prince George.

The fee shall be collected by the clerk of the court in which the action is filed; and remitted to the Treasurer for Prince George County. The Treasurer shall hold the funds subject to disbursements to local law enforcement agencies solely to fund software, hardware, and associated equipment costs for the implementation and maintenance of an electronic summons system in accordance with Va. Code § 17.1-279.1.

- (2) *That this Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption.*

Board of Supervisors
County of Prince George, Virginia

Resolution

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Prince George held in the Boardroom, Third Floor, County Administration Building, 6602 Courts Drive, Prince George, Virginia this 24th day of September, 2019:

Present:

Vote:

Donald R. Hunter, Chairman
Floyd M. Brown, Jr., Vice-Chairman
Alan R. Carmichael
Marlene J. Waymack
T. J. Webb

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On motion of _____, seconded by _____, which carried unanimously, the following Resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION; AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND BY ADDING SEC. 46-5 TO ASSESS COSTS IN CRIMINAL AND TRAFFIC CASES TO FUND AN ELECTRONIC SUMMONS SYSTEM

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Prince George this 9th day of July, 2019, does hereby authorize the advertisement of a public hearing to consider an Ordinance to Amend by adding Sec. 46-5 to assess costs in criminal and traffic cases to fund an electronic summons system.

A Copy Teste:

Percy C. Ashcraft
County Administrator