

EXHIBIT NO. 1

City of Alexandria, Virginia

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 13, 2005

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A TAX ON ADMISSION CHARGES FOR CERTAIN EVENTS, NOT TO EXCEED 50 CENTS PER TICKET

ISSUE: Consideration of establishing a tax on Admission charges not to exceed \$0.50 per admission, with specific exemptions as detailed in this report.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council pass the ordinance on first reading and set it for public hearing on Tuesday, April 26, and second reading and final passage on Monday, May 2, 2005.

BACKGROUND: As part of its initiative to lower the real estate tax rate by at least 8 cents, as well as to shift some of the burden of financing the City government away from homeowners, Council authorized staff to bring forward certain tax and fee diversification options such as the Admission tax for active consideration. One of the options would be to institute a 50 cent per person admission tax (referred to in this report as a 50 cent per admission tax but technically it would be a 10% tax but not exceeding 50 cents per admission). This report discusses the tax, its history, applicability, and fiscal impact. On Tuesday, April 12, City Council discussed this Admission tax option and directed staff to bring the proposed ordinance forward for first reading on Saturday, April 16 and public hearing on Tuesday, April 26.

History: Although Virginia law restricts the types of taxes a local government can levy, the City is granted the authority under its Charter to levy an Admission tax on the price of admission to an event. However, the City's Admission tax must conform to the classifications of taxable events as defined in the Virginia Code, with no ability to craft other exemptions or classifications. Because of this limitation, beginning with the 1999 General Assembly legislative package, the City has requested that the State law on admission tax be changed to include either a complete exemption for all non-profit organizations, or the designation of motion pictures played in theaters as a separate class of events. Unfortunately, the General Assembly has not approved any of these tax law amendment requests by the City and is not likely to approve such requests at any time in the foreseeable future.

Concurrent with the request to amend the Admission tax law during the 2005 session of the General Assembly, the then City Manager recommended, and Council agreed, that its Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee (BFAAC) study the Admission tax as a way of diversifying its revenue base. BFAAC has completed its report (Attachment 1) and it was issued on March 29 (Budget Memo #17). BFAAC endorsed by a 9 to 2 vote the 50 cent Admission tax as long as the broadest exemptions allowed under State law were applied.

The admission tax has long been a tax which all Virginia cities and towns, and certain Virginia counties, are authorized to levy. BFAAC reports that as of 2004, 17 cities, four counties and one town reported levying an admission tax. The total revenues collected by jurisdictions ranged from \$4.4 million per year by the City of Norfolk to \$150 per year in the town of Vinton. In total, Virginia localities collected \$14.9 million in admission taxes in 2004. This tax collection amount has doubled over the last 10 years. Tax rates range from 1% to 10%. Virginia is not unique in authorizing an admission tax. The BFAAC report notes that cities in at least 19 states and counties in at least 5 states levy a tax like the admission tax.

An admission tax was not a tax that could produce sizable revenues until recent years when the Regal theaters were opened in the Potomac Yard retail center and the Hoffman AMC theaters were opened on Eisenhower Avenue. With these two large theaters an admission tax of 50 cents per ticket could generate some \$1.3 million per year in new tax revenue to the City. It would also be a method to "import" tax revenue and shift a portion of the tax burden away from City residents and businesses, as many theater and entertainment venue patrons live in neighboring localities.

Proposed Admission Tax Structure: The Admission tax is proposed to be 50 cents per ticket (unless in rare instances the ticket is less than \$5, then the ticket tax would be 10% and less than 50 cents). This 50-cent tax structure is proposed because a flat 10 % tax rate may tend to discourage ticket sales for more expensive events such as live musical entertainment and live theater. A 50-cent ticket tax would not tend to discourage ticket sales. This tax amount is far less than the handling fees that ticket purchasers often pay to buy tickets by phone or through the Internet. It is also far less than the price of movie popcorn, soda or other typical movie theater food and beverage purchases.

Since most of the admissions in the City are for its two large movie theater complexes, the vast majority of Admission tax revenues would be generated by these two theaters. Having a 50-cent per ticket tax would add a small amount to the ticket price, but on a percentage basis it would be in the 6% to 8% effective tax percentage range depending on the price of the movie ticket. For non-movie venues such as live entertainment, the 50 cent ticket tax would be 2 percent of a \$25 ticket, 1.4% of a \$35 ticket and 1% of a \$50 ticket. A 50-cent tax structure also generates the vast majority of the revenues from the movie theater complexes. This is effectively, but not perfectly, what Council was seeking to accomplish with its requested legislative amendment to the Admission tax law.

Exemptions: As stated earlier in this report, Virginia law delineates admission tax exemptions which can be crafted. However there are a large number of exemption categories, and it is recommended that Council authorize all of the permitted exemptions. This includes an exemption for most all non-profit admissions in the City where the gross or net proceeds go to charity. While there are some steps which non-profit organizations (defined as any 501(c)(3) organization or any 501(c)(4) organization which is organized for charitable purposes) would need to take to get the exemption, these steps are not onerous. The primary step is gaining from the State a sales and use tax exemption. Previously each non-profit exemption required General Assembly action.

As of July 1, 2004, most non-profits whose events are eligible for exemption from the admission tax can readily obtain this exemption through on-line application via the Virginia Department of Taxation's web site. Many 501(c)(3) charitable non-profits in the City either already have their sales and use tax exemption by General Assembly action, or via on-line Internet application. If not, they can easily apply and receive it from the State. It should be noted that based on State and federal law, as well as an on-point Attorney General opinion in 1998, charitable activities include services or events which serve the poor and needy, as well as those which "better the condition of society" such as cultural, educational, benevolent, humane, philanthropic, eleemosynary, or similar organizations.

The chart below seeks to clearly identify what would be taxed and what would be exempt under the proposed 50-cent Admission tax:

Type of Event	50¢ Admission Tax Impact
Proceeds (net or gross) go to profit (movies, live theater, entertainment concerts, walking tours, non-school sporting events)	Admission tax applies
Public or private elementary, secondary, and college-sponsored events, including events sponsored by school-recognized student organizations. Events may be on or off school property.	Exempt
Museums, botanical or similar gardens, and zoos	Exempt
Participation in a sporting event	Exempt
Events which have 100% of gross proceeds going to charitable purposes	Exempt
Net proceeds after paying event expenses go to a charitable purpose <u>and</u> to an organization that is exempt from the State sales and use tax	Exempt
Fundraising dinner or event where the event requires a donation which exceeds a commercially reasonable relationship to the value of the meal, entertainment, etc.	Exempt
Governmental entity-sponsored events	Exempt
Boat chartering and room rentals for events	Exempt
Events not open to the general public	Exempt
Net proceeds go to a non-profit entity this is not exempt from the State sales and use tax, or proceeds are not used to support an exempt entity's charitable mission	Admission tax would generally apply, unless exempted for other reasons. These additional tax revenues would be added to the Commission for the Arts, the Community Partnership Fund, the Children's Fund and/or the Youth Fund

Return of Revenues from Non-profit Sponsored Events: As described in the BFAAC report, many (staff believe it to be the vast majority) non-profit events will be exempt from the Admission tax, while some will unavoidably be subject to it. Staff concurs with the suggestion from BFAAC that 100 percent of the revenues reported by the non-profits be returned to the non-profit community through increases in the appropriations to the following four City funds: the Alexandria Commission for the Arts, the Community Partnership Fund, the Children's Fund and the Youth Fund. The appropriations will be in addition to the money these funds receive as part of the City's annual budget process. The Finance Department will account for revenues received from non-profits separately from other Admission tax. Annually after the close of the fiscal year, staff will request City Council to increase the appropriations to these four funds by the amount of Admission tax received in the prior fiscal year.

FISCAL IMPACT: Staff estimates that an Admission tax of 10 percent of the gross admission price, not to exceed \$0.50, will generate approximately \$1.3 million in annual revenue for the General Fund after transferring the non-profit generated funds to the Alexandria Commission for the Arts, the Community Partnership Fund, the Children's Fund and the Youth Fund. It is likely that the non-profit tax revenue would be small and in the range of \$5,000 to \$15,000 per year.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Report of the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee (FY 2006 Budget Memo #17)

Attachment 2: Proposed Ordinance to establish an Admission Tax

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REPORT ON ADMISSIONS TAX

March 29, 2005

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BFAAC ADMISSION TAX STUDY

SUMMARY

In a Memorandum dated March 15, 2004 the City Manager recommended that the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee (BFAAC) study the benefits and potential impacts of the imposition of an Admission Tax in preparation for the FY 2006 budget process—more specifically, whether or not the City should implement an Admission Tax; what the rate structure should be; what to do with the revenue derived from the non-movie sector; and whether or not to pursue additional legislative changes to the State Code. City Council concurred with the Manager’s study recommendation.

After a detailed review of the current legislative authority and an analysis of the experiences of other jurisdictions that have imposed such a tax, BFAAC recommends the following:

- (1) The City of Alexandria should implement a local Admission Tax.
- (2) The Admission Tax rate should equal 10 percent of the gross admission price, not to exceed \$.50 per admission.
- (3) City Council should use a portion of the annual revenues to increase funding for the Alexandria Commission for the Arts, the Community Partnership Fund, the Children’s Fund and the Youth Fund. Said amount should equal at least 100 percent of the Admission Tax revenues derived from non-profit entities and be in addition to whatever sum is allocated to these four funds as part of the City’s annual budget process.¹
- (4) The City should continue to pursue legislative changes to the State Code to give the City more flexibility in terms of what types of events and venues it may tax. It should be noted, however, that no legislative changes are necessary to implement the proposed recommendations.

BACKGROUND

In its most basic form, an Admission Tax, also referred to as an Amusement or Entertainment Tax, is a tax imposed on admission to events such as sports, arts performances, fairs and festivals, lectures and readings, entertainment shows and movies. Under Virginia law, non-profit organizations are *not* exempt from collecting this tax (since the tax is paid by the individual purchasing the ticket, not the organization). Admission taxes are levied by cities in at least 19 states, and by counties in at least five states. In most of the jurisdictions, the receipts become part of the municipality’s general treasury revenues; others use the tax as a dedicated funding source for the arts.²

¹ FY 2005 Approved Budget included \$209,937 for the Arts Commission, \$862,775 for the Community Partnership Fund, \$292,226 for the Youth Fund and \$1,053,814 for the Children’s Fund.

² M. Dodson, Amusement Tax for the Arts (Arts Council Monograph)

In Virginia, the Admission Tax is collected by seventeen cities, four counties and one town. The authority to levy such a tax is part of the general taxing powers of the City's Charter, but is restricted by the event classifications defined in Code of Virginia §58.1-3817:

1. Admissions charged for attendance at any event, the *gross* receipts of which go wholly to charitable purpose or purposes.
2. Admissions charged for attendance at public and private elementary, secondary, and college school-sponsored events, including events sponsored by school-recognized student organizations.
3. Admissions charged for entry into museums, botanical or similar gardens, and zoos.
4. Admissions charged to participants in order to participate in sporting events.
5. Admissions charged for entry into major league baseball games and events at any major league baseball stadium which has seating for at least 40,000 persons.
6. All other admissions.

Localities may choose to tax each of these six categories at the same, or at different tax rates. If the City does decide to establish an Admission Tax, BFAAC recommends imposing a tax on only the last ("other admissions") category.

The City initially considered an Admission Tax as part of its FY 1999 Proposed Budget, but Council tabled the ordinance to establish such a tax on May 6, 1998 pending further clarification on how the tax would be applied, including consideration of an exemption for non-profit organizations. As part of its 1999 General Assembly legislative package, the City supported legislation that would have exempted non-profits from the Admission Tax.

No action was taken on that initiative, but since then the General Assembly has passed legislation (§58.1-3818) that allows localities (by ordinance) to exempt events from the admission tax provided that the purpose of the event is solely to raise money for charitable purposes and that the *net* (rather than gross) proceeds derived from the event will be transferred to an entity that is exempt from sales and use tax (§58.1-609.11). *This would have the effect of exempting many (but not all) non-profit events from the Admission Tax.*

The City again considered a five-percent Admission Tax as part of its FY 2000 Proposed Budget. Once again the proposal was not approved, this time because of the desire to target the tax to movie theaters, which could only be done by amending state legislation.

The City's Legislative Package for the 2005 General Assembly Session included a proposal to amend the Code of Virginia to create a separate category – movie theater admissions – for which a locality may charge an Admission Tax.³ The City included a similar proposal in its Legislative Package for the 2003 and 2004 General Assembly Sessions. The legislation has failed each time, and the City's Legislative Director has

³ October 20, 2004 City Manager Memo to Council

indicated that in the foreseeable future similar legislation would continue to fail. In fact, in the 2005 Session, none of the bills involving admission taxes (HB 108, HB 2494, and SB 1101) were approved by either the House of Delegates or the Senate.

FISCAL IMPACT

Unlike Richmond, Virginia Beach, Hampton, Newport News, Roanoke, and other jurisdictions within the Commonwealth that have sports stadiums, race tracks, convention centers, museums, aquariums, zoos etc., Alexandria’s primary entertainment venues are limited to a number of live theatres and three motion picture theatres.⁴ According to City Staff, these venues have combined gross receipts of over \$20 million per year.

The fiscal impact of an Admission Tax on the motion picture theaters alone is quite substantial. In 1999, the City estimated that a five-percent Admission Tax (with no cap) on the 3,600-seat Hoyt Cinema complex at Potomac Yard would generate at least \$418,000 annually.⁵ Since that time the AMC Hoffman 22 Theatre has opened (2001). This 4,150-seat theatre has consistently been ranked the number one theatre in the Washington, DC area, and is among the top 50 best-performing theatres in the United States.⁶

The City estimates that a ten percent Admission Tax (with a fifty-cent cap) on these two movie theaters would now generate \$1.1 million to \$1.4 million per year.

In addition, there would be revenue from numerous smaller venues and events such as Little Theater, The Birchmere, Metro Stage and the Alexandria Symphony. In FY2000, the City estimated \$1.6 million in gross taxable admission charges from other entertainment venues, which would result in up to \$160,000 in additional Admission Tax revenue.

EXPERIENCE OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS

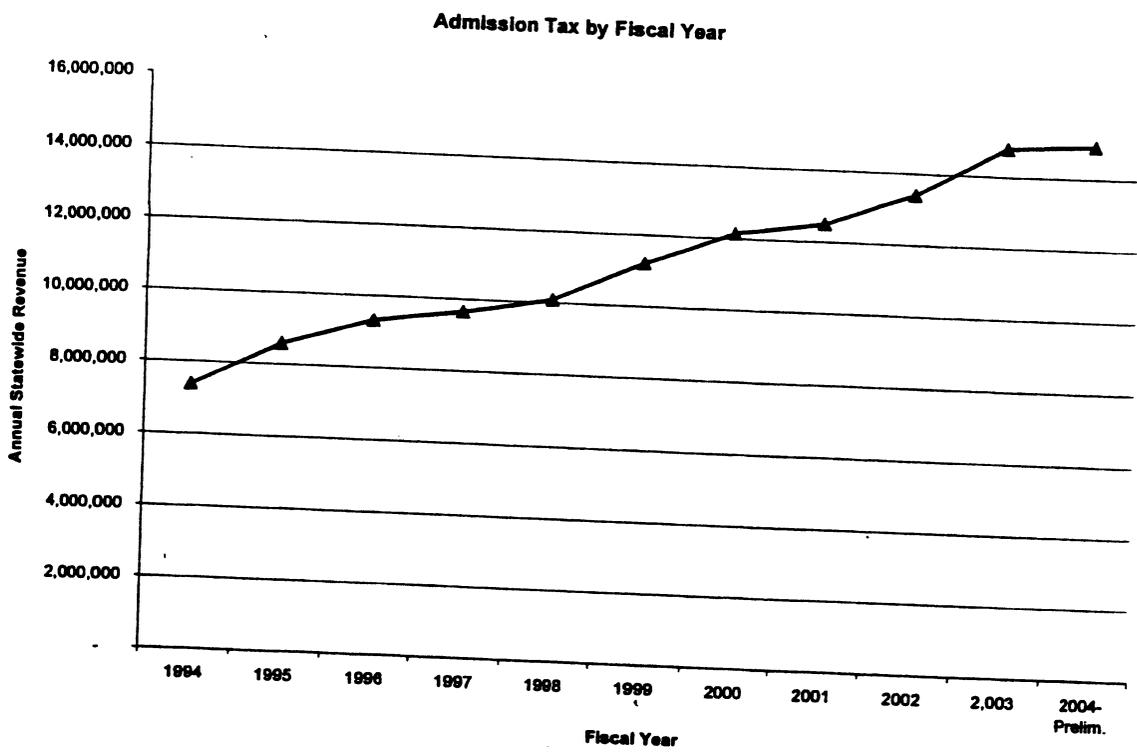
Within the Commonwealth of Virginia, seventeen cities, four counties and one town currently report levying an Admissions Tax.⁷ The amount collected ranges from \$150 (in the Town of Vinton) to \$4.4 million (in the City of Norfolk). Over the past ten years, the annual revenue from Admission Taxes collected statewide has more than doubled, from \$7.3 million to \$14.8 million. For more details, see Appendix One.

⁴ Live theatre venues include “for profits” and “non-profit” organizations. The redevelopment of Landmark Mall may also include an additional motion picture theater.

⁵ Budget Memo #2, March 16, 1999

⁶ Entertainment Properties Trust, www.eprkc.com

⁷ Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service (University of Virginia) 2004 Annual Survey



It is useful to look at the experiences of other jurisdictions within Virginia, as well as nationwide, to learn how they go about collecting the tax, and how they use the revenues. While Fairfax and Arlington Counties have been granted the authority to collect an Admission Tax, they have not implemented such a tax.

Richmond. According to Richmond's Finance Department, an Admission Tax has been operative in excess of 40 years. Currently there is a seven-percent tax on any charge for admission to any place of amusement or entertainment where the fee is greater than \$.50 per admission.⁸ Current annual revenues are estimated at \$1.8 million. Although revenues are not specifically earmarked for the arts, a recent increase in the meals tax to six percent with one percent dedicated to the Arts Council has met with some opposition from the arts community.

Lynchburg. Lynchburg's taxing authority is contained in its City Charter and recently increased its Amusement Tax from five percent to seven percent. Lynchburg reports that current annual revenues are estimated at \$262,000 and no revenues are specifically earmarked for arts or City sponsored events.

Virginia Beach. The City of Virginia Beach imposes a ten-percent Admission Tax on all six classes of admissions listed in the Code of Virginia, §58.1-3817.⁹ Annual revenues are estimated at \$4.23 million. According to the April 28, 2004 *Virginia Pilot*, the

⁸ Code of the City of Richmond, § 98-401 to § 98-412
⁹ Virginia Beach City Code §§ 35-181 and 35-182

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Virginia Beach Arts Commission receives funding of \$1 per resident, or \$428,000 last year. In turn, the Commission funds about 320 performances and programs, and, as a result, about half their funding is returned to the City via revenue from the admission tax and venue rentals.

Roanoke. The City of Roanoke imposes a nine-percent tax on events at City facilities, like the Roanoke Civic Center, and a 5.5% tax on events at other venues (the State Code has been clarified to permit localities to establish different tax rates on events held at City-owned facilities vs. events held at other venues). It exempts taxes on admission charges of less than ten cents. Annual revenues are estimated at \$530,000. These funds go into the general revenue, however, the Arts Commission in Roanoke was seeking dedicated funding equal to a one-half cent City Admission Tax.

Chesapeake. Although their Charter is similar to ours, the City of Chesapeake's ten-percent Admission Tax exempts "schools, charitable or nonprofit organizations." As written, this would appear to be in contradiction to what is permitted by State law. Annual revenues are estimated at \$573,000.

State of Maryland. Maryland has an Amusement and Entertainment tax in 23 counties and Baltimore City. Tax rates range from .5 percent to ten percent. Revenues from this tax increased by 42 percent between March, 2003 and March, 2004. Montgomery County imposes a seven percent tax; its annual revenues in FY 2003 were \$4.8 million. Prince George's County imposes a ten percent tax; its annual revenues in FY 2003 were \$12.3 million.

Chicago, Illinois. In Chicago, an Amusement Tax has been levied for "decades" on professional sporting events, bowling, miniature golf, movies, commercial movie attractions and pay television, including cable. All nonprofit arts organizations, however, are exempt from the tax with the exception of professional live theatre with seating capacity over 750. Revenues from the tax, currently seven percent, are not specifically earmarked for the arts.

Portland, Oregon. Portland, OR levies a "user fee" for tickets sold to events at publicly-owned arts and convention facilities. The tax is neither a fixed percentage of the ticket price, nor a flat per-ticket amount. Instead, it is 50 cents, \$1.00 or \$1.50, depending upon the price of a ticket. This complicated sliding scale has made collecting the tax more difficult.

Seattle, Washington. Seattle, WA imposes a five percent Admissions Tax, however, a number of exemptions (e.g., nonprofit arts, museums etc.) have been introduced over the past 65 years. In 2001, 20 percent of all eligible Admission Tax revenue was dedicated to the Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs. This dedicated funding source was suspended in 2003 and 2004, however, the Mayor has proposed reinstating the funding source in 2005 (at 15 percent) and 2006 (back to 20 percent).

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Kent, Washington. The City of Kent exempts 501c organizations from collecting the tax as well as schools, and federal, state and local government organizations. The tax rate is five percent. The tax is due quarterly.

Santa Cruz, California. The Admission Tax is designed to raise revenues from admission and registration charges at recreational events and activities including non-profit organizations and political fundraising activities. The tax rate is five percent; annual revenues are around \$1.54 million. Ongoing operations pay the tax monthly. One-time (or infrequent) operations must apply for an admission tax operator's license prior to the event and pay an advance deposit based on attendance estimates. They must follow up within ten days of the event with actual figures, and pay any balance due (or apply for a refund, if they overpaid when requesting the license).

PROPOSED RATE STRUCTURE

Based on the experiences of these other jurisdictions, it is important (for compliance) that Alexandria keep its collection guidelines clear and well-defined, especially with regard to one-time and infrequent operations. Furthermore, the City must keep its rate structure simple.

State law permits a tax not to exceed ten percent; the median rate in Virginia is seven percent. BFAAC proposes a ten-percent Admissions Tax, not to exceed \$.50 per admission. This rate is intended to strike a balance—the tax should be low enough not to inhibit City efforts to promote tourism, cultural events and entertainment venues in Alexandria, but large enough to make the tax worthwhile.

As proposed, the tax is minimal, easy to calculate, and could be designed so as not impose an unreasonable burden or restriction on the taxpayer. For example, the City could consider the approach taken in Richmond where the tax is due on the 20th of the month following the month it is collected from the consumer and is reported on the same form along with Lodging, Meals and Alcoholic Beverages. No increased administrative costs have been incurred.¹⁰ See Appendix Two for a sample of Richmond's Admission Tax collection form; a similar, simple form could be designed for use by organizations with infrequent admission tax collections.

TREATMENT OF REVENUES DERIVED FROM NON-PROFIT SECTOR

As previously noted, many non-profit events would be exempt from the Admission Tax. BFAAC recommends, however, that Admission Tax revenues reported by non-exempt non-profit events be used to increase the budgets of four City funds at a rate greater than 100 percent of the revenues reported by these non-profits. These funds are: (1) the Alexandria Commission for the Arts; (2) the Community Partnership Fund; (3) the

¹⁰ Richmond Office of Finance, Kevin Irvin (804) 646-6452

Children's Fund and (4) the Youth Fund. ¹¹ Said revenues would be in addition to whatever money these funds receive as part of the City's annual budget process.

The greater-than 100 percent "return rate" would help compensate the non-profit community for the administrative costs of collecting the tax and guarantee that some of the revenue derived from the for-profit sector (like movie admissions) would be going toward arts and human services funding. Furthermore, it would allow the City to demonstrate a greater commitment to the arts and human services through the budget process.

CONSIDERATIONS

An Admission Tax offers the following advantages (and a few cautions):

Advantages

1. It broadens the tax base. The implementation of an Admission Tax is consistent with BFAAC's repeated observation and recommendation that the City must explore a variety of means to diversify its revenue sources and reduce its reliance on the real property tax base.
2. It is a local option tax, as a result, all revenue would be returned directly to Alexandria.
3. There is good prospect for future growth as additional theaters open in Alexandria (for example, at Landmark).
4. A majority of the tax revenues would likely be paid by Alexandria visitors as opposed to City residents. This "imports" taxes and shifts a portion of the tax burden away from City residents.
5. At the recommended rate, it would allow Council to reduce the real property tax rate by approximately an additional half-cent.
6. It is a fairly progressive tax since spending for entertainment generally increases as income rises.
7. It taxes discretionary spending, unlike the real property tax.

Cautions

1. The Chamber of Commerce opposes an Admission Tax and instead "supports a broad-based tax system and user fees for financing city priorities."

¹¹ The Commission for the Arts supports the development and expansion of the arts in Alexandria and serves as the single funding source for all activities concerning the arts which are not conducted as part of a regularly scheduled City program. The Community Partnership Fund helps support human services priorities for adults age 22 and over as well as for anyone in need (regardless of age). The Youth Fund promotes youth development and serves youth ages 6 -21. And the Children's Fund serves children under age six (including prenatal).

- 2. Some people worry that arts patrons are price sensitive, and the extra tax might reduce attendance.
- 3. The emphasis on movie theaters means the tax has the greatest impact on the "most affordable" form of entertainment, thus impacting lower income families.
- 4. There is potential for instability, since revenues can fluctuate with general economic conditions and changes in discretionary spending.
- 5. There is a potential loss of business to arts and entertainment venues in neighboring jurisdictions such as Arlington and Fairfax.
- 6. The vast majority of the revenue will be generated by movie theaters. The National Theater Owners Association has fought the tax in other jurisdictions.

CONCLUSIONS

Taking into account the foregoing information, BFAAC concludes that, on balance, it would be fiscally prudent for the Alexandria City Council to create an Admission Tax and endorses the proposal as described above. As proposed, the Admission Tax does not require changes to the State Code, it does not impose a significant adverse fiscal impact on the taxpayer or the consumer, it exempts many non-profit events, it could be designed in a way that is easy to calculate and administer, and it will ultimately benefit the arts community as well as human services agencies through additional funding of the Arts Commission, the Community Partnership Fund, the Children's Fund and the Youth Fund.

Appendix O		Admission Tax by Fiscal Year											2004-Prelim.	% Change		
Prepared by the Business and Economics Division of the University of Virginia's Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service.																
Original source: Commonwealth of Virginia, Auditor of Public Accounts. Comparative Report of Local Government Revenues and Expenditures.																
Locality	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004-Prelim.	% Change				
Cities																
Chesapeake	326,069	343,632	607,180	783,831	698,200	913,142	805,960	640,624	527,383	574,769	572,745	75.7%				
Falls Church	28,150	28,007	25,749	26,464	25,490	27,677	31,351	28,202	21,213	22,474	16,805	-40.3%				
Fredericksburg	67,287	82,650	76,510	95,380	110,247	105,178	98,865	129,782	136,175	173,747	168,775	150.8%				
Galax	17,115	13,075	20,575	16,497	28,222	17,922	18,895	19,568	21,716	24,052	18,652	9.0%				
Hampton	378,236	451,554	388,473	310,851	301,936	679,111	786,206	987,090	1,092,257	1,141,045	1,220,600	222.7%				
Harrisonburg																
Lynchburg	237,020	248,717	245,799	269,799	275,240	98,481	143,093	155,934	154,373	167,925	178,760	81.5%				
Newport News	594,960	654,933	702,034	672,707	635,653	268,707	279,964	257,513	285,755	311,639	261,647	10.4%				
Norfolk	2,006,332	2,523,469	2,713,856	2,318,105	2,563,382	3,049,959	3,592,937	3,648,739	3,949,356	4,546,081	4,382,128	-2.9%				
Petersburg	39,474	20,953	19,221	27,398	14,123	34,726	29,331	34,903	24,989	23,378	15,878	-59.8%				
Portsmouth	145,597	163,755	201,913	164,143	168,734	108,847	122,208	113,627	304,650	496,192	274,012	88.2%				
Richmond	899,826	1,034,565	1,204,906	1,147,193	1,118,259	1,306,473	1,466,535	1,423,044	1,391,847	1,465,338	1,804,701	100.6%				
Roanoke	204,081	225,242	228,662	262,018	278,081	256,072	242,194	355,570	400,210	504,298	530,712	160.0%				
Salem	167,498	129,394	175,040	205,541	171,303	178,836	186,499	150,051	188,135	133,762	not yet rep'd	-20.1%				
Suffolk																
Virginia Beach	2,091,565	2,440,367	2,497,982	3,138,769	3,503,967	3,528,703	3,702,447	3,676,492	3,776,576	4,024,520	4,228,092	102.1%				
Winchester	89,066	87,645	86,493	95,327	100,388	81,624	73,952	91,851	97,052	100,866	110,547	24.1%				
City total	7,292,276	8,447,958	9,194,293	9,534,023	9,993,225	11,030,085	11,939,281	12,354,744	13,245,296	14,626,101	14,748,730	102.3%				
Counties																
Dinwiddie	23,876	54,471	48,470	54,637	51,395	46,255	45,740	27,115	29,715	32,129	39,794	66.7%				
Lee	1,473	-	1,665	1,601	1,394	1,216	1,472	845	1,396	1,398	5,277	34.7%				
New Kent																
Prince George																
Roanoke	54,369	69,404	60,757	47,752	31,217	125,810	151,377	114,556	104,884	110,493	99,645	83.3%				
County totals	79,718	123,875	110,892	103,990	84,006	173,281	198,589	142,516	146,206	148,500	144,716	81.5%				
Selected towns																
Rocky Mount	555	382	1,048	695												
Vinton	1,021	1,179	748	946	845	196	223	1,137	292	507	153	-85.0%				
Selected towns total	1,576	1,561	1,796	1,641	845	196	223	1,137	292	507	153	-90.3%				
Grand total	7,373,570	8,573,394	9,306,981	9,639,654	10,078,076	11,203,562	12,138,093	12,498,397	13,391,794	14,775,108	14,893,599	102.0%				

FAILURE TO REMIT THESE TAXES MAY RESULT IN FELONY PROSECUTION FOR EMBEZZLEMENT

YEAR	ACCOUNT NUMBER
2001	- -

CITY OF RICHMOND
 ADMISSIONS, LODGING, MEALS TAX
 CITY HALL, ROOM 102
 P O. BOX 26505, RICHMOND, VA 23261-6505
 PHONE: (804) 646-5690

COMPLETE INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW

BUSINESS LOCATION IF OTHER THAN BELOW

Verify all applicable Boxes 'x'd	ADMISSIONS TAX	MONTH	TOTAL ADMISSIONS	RATE	TAX
				0 x 7 % =	0.00
	LODGING TAX	MONTH	RENTALS FOR MONTH	RATE	TAX
				0 x 8 % =	0.00
	MEALS & ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TAX	MONTH	SALES	RATE	TAX
				0 x 6 % =	0.00
			TOTAL		0.00
			PENALTY		0
			INTEREST		0
			TOTAL		0.00

PENALTY FOR LATE PAYMENT AFTER 20TH OF FOLLOWING MONTH.
 IF TAX IS \$0.00 - \$10.00, PENALTY IS SAME AS TAX.
 IF TAX IS \$10.01 - \$100.00 PENALTY IS \$10.00.
 IF TAX IS OVER \$100.00 PENALTY IS 10% OF TAX.
 ADD INTEREST - 10% PER ANNUM FROM 21 ST TO DATE OF PAYMENT.
 IF PAYING IN PERSON, PRINT AND BRING TWO COPIES OF THIS FORM. IF PAYING BY MAIL, SEND A PRINTED COPY WITH CHECK AND KEEP A SECOND COPY.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE MEANS THE SIGNATURE OF THE COLLECTOR AND REMITTER OF TAX.

X _____ / / _____
 AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE DATE PHONE

Appendix Three

Statement of Dissent from BFAAC Members Dennis Auld and Margaret Gullen

We oppose an Admission Tax. While supporting a broad-based tax system and user fees for financing city priorities, a tax on admissions unfairly singles out one industry for taxation, placing an unfair burden on entertainment businesses that operate in the City. As adjacent jurisdictions do not have this tax, the City faces the possibility of losing not only revenues generated by visitors, but in Alexandrians deciding to attend venues outside of Alexandria. In addition, compliance would be difficult for the City to administer, as well as the process of returning a portion of these tax revenues to designated non-profits. This may also create problems in deciding who gets returns, who doesn't.

The tax also appears to be a "regressive tax" as it targets those venues which provide entertainment affordable by, and attractive to Alexandria's lowest income citizens. The hope of visitors supplying a "majority" of the tax receipts has not been verified by facts.

We strongly encourage the City to set goals to help plan for tax revenue diversification and expansion, as opposed to an ad hoc approach to identifying potential tax sources. We believe in growing the tax base, not in shifting revenues from the same payers. This will allow all parties involved in the taxation process to cooperatively produce effective tax/growth planning, and eliminate unfair targeting.

1	Introduction and first reading:	4/16/2005
2	Public hearing:	4/26/2005
3	Second reading and enactment:	5/02/2005
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INFORMATION ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Title

AN ORDINANCE to amend Chapter 2 (TAXATION) of Title 3 (FINANCE, TAXATION AND PROCUREMENT), of The Code of the City of Alexandria, 1981, as amended, by adding thereto a add a new Article W (ADMISSION TAX).

Summary

The proposed ordinance establishes an admission tax of ten percent, but not to exceed 50¢, to be levied on the charges paid for admission to certain events in the city, such as movies, fairs, carnivals and concerts.

Sponsor

Staff

Mark Jinks, Assistant City Manager
Bruce Johnson, Director, Management and Budget
Ignacio B. Pessoa, City Attorney

Authority

§ 2.02(a)(3), Alexandria City Charter

Estimated Costs of Implementation

None

Attachments in Addition to Proposed Ordinance

None

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THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Chapter 2 of Title 3 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended by adding thereto a new Article V, to read as follows:

[The following is all new language]

Article W

ADMISSION TAX

Sec. 3-2-382 Definitions.

The following words and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the following respective meanings, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

(1) Admission charge. A charge made, directly or indirectly, to a person or group of persons for admission to any event, including a charge made for season tickets, and a cover or other charge made for the use of seats or tables, and excluding any separately stated federal or state tax thereon, or any separately stated service charge made by an agent or party other than the owner or operator for the sale or issuance of a ticket or receipt which entitles the bearer to admission to an event.

(2) Charitable purposes. Any charitable, benevolent, humane, philanthropic, patriotic, eleemosynary, educational, religious, cultural or similar purpose intended to better the condition of society or any considerable portion thereof, including, without limitation, support for the activities, other than unrelated business income activities, of an organization recognized as exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(3) Event. Any amusement, entertainment, performance, exhibition or similar production, open to the general public, including without limitation: circuses, carnivals, motion pictures, fairs, shows and exhibitions of all kinds; dances; tours; sporting events; theatrical, dramatic, operatic and musical and similar performances; lectures, talks, symposia, library readings and performances similar thereto; and such attractions as merry-go-rounds, ferris wheels, roller coasters and the like.

1 (4) Open to the general public. Available for attendance by any person upon payment of
2 an admission charge, without, in addition to such payment, (i) meeting any duly established
3 requirements or selection criteria for membership in or belonging to a *bona fide* society, club,
4 congregation, organization, party or similar group, or (ii) making or promising to make a
5 donation, subscription or other similarly valuable contribution to the owner or operator, or to the
6 designee thereof, which exceeds a commercially reasonable relationship to the economic value of
7 the event to the person admitted.
8

9 (5) Owner or operator. A person who owns, operates, conducts, promotes, produces or
10 provides an event.
11

12 (6) Sporting event. Any athletic activity engaged in by one or more individuals,
13 including, without limitation, baseball, basketball, football, wrestling, boxing, swimming, tennis,
14 golf, soccer or hockey.
15

16 Sec. 3-2-383 Amount and levy of tax.
17

18 Except as provided in section 3-2-384, there is hereby levied an admission tax in the amount
19 of ten percent of any admission charge, not to exceed \$0.50 per person admitted.
20

21 Sec. 3-2-384 Exclusions from tax.
22

23 There shall be no admission tax on any admission charge:
24

25 (1) For any event, the gross receipts of which go wholly to one or more charitable
26 purposes;
27

28 (2) For any event, the purpose of which is solely to raise money for one or more
29 charitable purposes, and the net receipts of which are utilized by or transferred to one or more
30 entities that are exempt from sales and use tax pursuant to Section 58.1-609.11 of the Code of
31 Virginia, 1950, as amended;
32

33 (3) For any public or private elementary, secondary or college school-sponsored event,
34 whether or not on school property or at a school facility, including events sponsored by school-
35 recognized student organizations;
36

37 (4) For entry into museums, botanical and similar gardens, and zoos;
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39 (5) For participation as an entrant in a sporting event.
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1 Sec. 3-2-385 Situs.

2
3 The tax imposed by this article shall be levied on admission charges for events which occur
4 within the City of Alexandria, irrespective of the location at which admission to such events may
5 be sold, contracted for or paid.

6
7 Sec. 3-2-386 Collection of tax.

8
9 (a) Every owner or operator, or the agent thereof, receiving a payment of an admission
10 charge on which an admission tax is levied shall collect the amount of such tax from the person
11 making the payment at the time the payment is made.

12
13 (b) The taxes required to be collected under subsection (a) shall be deemed to be held in
14 trust by the owner, operator and agent required to collect the same, jointly and severally, until
15 remitted to the city as provided in this article.

16
17 Sec. 3-2-387 Reports and remittances generally.

18
19 Every owner or operator collecting admission taxes shall prepare a report for each calendar
20 month, upon such forms and setting forth such information as the director may prescribe,
21 showing the number of persons admitted, the amount of admission charges collected, the amount
22 of the taxes due on such charges under this article, and the amount of taxes being remitted along
23 with the report, and shall sign and deliver the report, and remit the taxes, to the director. The
24 report and the remittance of taxes shall be made to the director on or before the last day of the
25 calendar month next following the month being reported.

26
27 Sec. 3-2-388 Reports, remittances and deposits by temporary or transitory events.

28
29 (a) Whenever an admission charge is made to attend an event of a temporary or
30 transitory nature, the director may require the report and remittance of taxes to be made within
31 seven days following the event, or within seven days following the conclusion of a series of
32 events, or at such other reasonable time as the director shall determine.

33
34 (b) Before any temporary or transient event shall be held in the city, and before any
35 business license under title 9 of this code, if required, shall be issued therefor, the owner or
36 operator of the event shall deposit with the director a sum of money, to be determined by the
37 director, sufficient to cover the admission taxes that the director estimates will be required to be
38 collected by such owner or operator, which the director shall hold as security for the collection of
39 taxes and payment thereof to the city. Within seven days of the conclusion of the temporary or
40 transient event, or such other time as set by the director under subsection (a), the owner or
41 operator shall deliver to the director the report and the amount of taxes required by section 3-2-
42 387. Upon such delivery, the director shall refund the deposit made under this section. Should
43 an owner or operator fail timely to deliver such report and taxes, the director may assess the
44 owner or operator the amount of taxes provided by section 3-2-390, in which case the director

1 shall retain the deposit made under this subsection as a credit toward the amount of assessed
2 taxes.

3
4 Sec. 3-2-389 Penalty and interest for failure to remit taxes when due.

5
6 Any owner or operator who fails or refuses to remit admission taxes to the city, within the
7 time and in the amount required by this article, shall be liable for a penalty equal to ten percent of
8 the amount of the taxes required to be remitted. The owner or operator shall also be liable for
9 interest on the amount of the taxes which remain unpaid, at the rate of ten percent per annum,
10 starting on the date the taxes were initially to be remitted to the city.

11
12 Sec. 3-2-390 Procedure upon failure to collect, report or remit taxes.

13
14 (a) If any owner or operator shall fail or refuse to collect admission taxes or to make,
15 within the prescribed time, the report and remittance required by this article, the director shall
16 proceed in such manner as he may deem best to obtain facts and information on which to base an
17 estimate of the taxes due. As soon as the director has obtained such facts and information, he
18 shall determine and assess against the owner or operator the taxes that are due, along with any
19 interest and penalties provided for by this article, and shall notify the owner or operator by mail
20 of the total amount of such taxes, interest and penalties. The total amount of taxes, interest and
21 penalties shall be paid within ten days from the date of such notice.

22
23 (b) It shall be the duty of the director to ascertain the name of every owner or operator in
24 the city who fails, refuses or neglects to collect admission taxes, or to timely make the report and
25 remittances, required by this article.

26
27 Sec. 3-2-391 Preservation of records.

28
29 Except as may be provided by the director by regulation, every owner or operator required to
30 collect and remit admission taxes shall keep and preserve, for a period of two years, such records
31 as are necessary to enable the director to determine the amount of taxes such owner or operator
32 was responsible for collecting and remitting to the city. The director shall have the right to
33 inspect such records at all reasonable times and to make copies of all or any parts thereof.

34
35 Sec. 3-2-392 Duty of owner or operator going out of business.

36
37 Whenever any owner or operator required to collect and remit admission taxes shall dispose
38 of his business or otherwise cease to operate, any taxes payable to the city under this article shall
39 become immediately due and payable, and such owner or operator shall immediately make a
40 report and pay the taxes due.

1 Sec. 3-2-393 Authority of director.

2
3 The director shall have the power and the duty of enforcing this article, including the
4 authority to adopt reasonable procedures and regulations for the administration of the admissions
5 tax, and shall cause all taxes remitted to the city under this article to be paid into the general
6 treasury of the city.

7
8 Sec. 3-2-394 Penalty for violation of article.

9
10 Any person violating or failing to comply with any provision of this article shall be guilty of
11 a class 3 misdemeanor and each such violation or failure shall constitute a separate offense. No
12 conviction for violating or failing to comply with a provision of this article shall relieve the
13 convicted person from the payment, collection and remittance of the taxes, interest and penalties
14 as provided in this article.

15
16 Section 2. That the several provisions of this ordinance shall be severable in
17 accordance with the following rules: (i) if any court of competent jurisdiction shall adjudge any
18 provision of this ordinance invalid, such judgement shall not affect any other provisions of this
19 ordinance, and (ii) if any court of competent jurisdiction shall adjudge this ordinance or any
20 provision of this ordinance invalid as applied to a particular person, entity, or state of facts, such
21 judgement shall not affect the application of this ordinance or any provision of this ordinance to
22 any other person, entity, or state of facts.

23
24 Section 3. That this ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 2005, and shall
25 apply to all events which occur in the City of Alexandria on and after that date.

26
27 WILLIAM D. EUILLE
28 Mayor

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30 Introduction: 4/16/2005
31 First Reading: 4/16/2005
32 Publication:
33 Public Hearing:
34 Second Reading:
35 Final Passage:

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4-26-05

Sandra Wheeler, private citizen and board member, The Alexandria Singers.

I am here to respectfully request that this board reconsider imposing an 'admission tax' as a revenue stream. I am concerned about the impact of such an expense item on small community performing arts groups.

While there is the chance for an exemption through successful application for a tax-exempt status as a Section 501.c.3 nonprofit organization, the admission tax will increase expenses incurred and cut into groups' revenues for public performances.

I believe in the long term it may cause an overall drop in performances held for the benefit of the citizens of the City of Alexandria and finally it penalizes smaller and essentially all-volunteer community groups committed to the arts, forcing them to drain the group's energy by making up lost ticket revenue in other fundraising efforts. Ticket revenue is not typically a high profit item for community performing arts groups. It generally covers the expenses in putting on a professional quality performance.

Sandra E. Wheeler

27
4-26-05

**First Night Alexandria
Remarks to City Council
Public Hearing on Admissions Tax
Update
April 26th, 2005**

**I'm John⁷ Renner, II
City Resident
local business owner Renner and Company CPA's
and President Elect of First Night Alexandria.**

**I'm here to give you an update
on what *our* nonprofit organization has experienced
since the last time I spoke to you
about an admissions tax.**

**On April 4, I spoke to you
about the burden an admissions tax
would place on our local nonprofits.**

**Since that time,
the City staff has worked very hard
to identify a wide range of circumstances
under which nonprofit events
would be exempt from an admissions tax.**

**City staff pointed out
that nonprofits that have
a state sales tax exemption
will also be exempt from the admissions tax.**

**We appreciate this effort,
especially on the part of Mark Jinks, and city staff
to avoid an unintended burden
on our nonprofit community.**

**But, before you vote to approve an admissions tax,
I thought you would want to hear
how the exemption process
is operating in real life.**

**The process of obtaining a state sales tax exemption
for First Night Alexandria
has not been as simple as I had hoped.**

**The very next day, April 5th,
I began the process
of applying for a state sales tax exemption.
To date, we still don't have one.**

**First Night's application for sales tax exemption
was turned down within two weeks
because we first had to register
with the Virginia
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs.**

**All nonprofits that raise more than \$5,000
must make this registration annually
and pay a fee based on their gross revenue.**

**In addition, nonprofits with gross revenue in excess of \$250,000
must submit audited financial statements
with their registration.
Fortunately, First Night is not in that category.**

**We are currently waiting for our registration
to be approved
so that we can reapply for our
Sales tax exemption.**

**Going through this process has demonstrated for me
That in order to be exempt from the admissions tax,**

- **nonprofits are going to have to maintain this annual registration with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs,**
- **and pay the annual fee,**
- **and possibly submit audited financial statements on an annual basis.**

**This process also demonstrated for me
that if you do decide to adopt an Admissions tax in Alexandria,
the City will need to establish a system**

**that clearly lays out the requirements—
for qualifying for and maintaining an exemption—**

and monitors compliance with those requirements.

**I wanted to tell you about our real life experience
before you make your decision,
so you can see that,
--for our local nonprofits,
the effect of an admissions tax
does not just disappear.**

**If qualifying for exemption
from the *admissions tax*
has been difficult for First Night,
it will be difficult for other nonprofits in the City as well.**

27
4-26-05



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Response requested:

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#725
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22304
Phone: 703-461-0261
Email Address: mickeys39@aol.com
Admissions Tax

I would recommend that you not approve a \$.50
admission tax.

This tax could be harmful a number of non profits.

This tax could be harmful to 2 of the 3 movie
theatres in Alexandria.

The Hoffman Center is one of the most

successful business new busines .

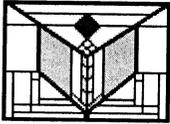
Comments: The crowds at the Hoffman Center reflect our multi culturalism and is a great meeting place for everybody.

The Old Towne Theatre is trying to save a piece of our heritage and the tax could be a fatal blow for them.

Potomac Yards Theatre appears to be struggling and this tax will not help them.

Thanks for considering my opinion.

Mickey



Valerie Peterson/Alex
04/26/2005 12:11 PM

To Jackie Henderson/Alex@Alex
cc
bcc
Subject

Hi Jackie,
I don't know anything about this. Does this go to you? I got another email earlier from the owner of the Old Town Theater with the same concerns. I didn't forward his letter because it was also sent to the Mayor.

Valerie

----- Forwarded by Valerie Peterson/Alex on 04/26/2005 12:10 PM -----



"Ken Wilson"
<zentone@hotmail.com>
04/26/2005 11:56 AM

To <valerie.peterson@alexandriava.gov>
cc
Subject

Ms. Peterson,

I'm writing to you to express my opposition to a new movies and entertainment tax, that the city is trying to impose. Seeing as how the Old Town Theater is the only movie house in Old Town, it seems as though it's directed specifically at them. Mr. Fons has done a great job fixing up the place, and, making it great venue. The city ought to be promoting live entertainment and movies, not imposing handicaps. It makes Old Town even more appealing, culturally. I hope the elected officials of this city, change the course of this action.

Thank you, Kenny Wilson (Independent candidate for the Congressional seat of the 8th District, 2006)



<jwalker@acps.k12.va.us>

04/26/2005 12:55 PM

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Response requested: []

First Name: Judy
Last Name: Walker
Street Address: Gralnick Pl
City: Springfield
State: VA
Zip: 22153
Phone: 703-599-8062
Email Address: jwalker@acps.k12.va.us

Comments: Please do not remove the health insurance funding from the school budget. As a senior teacher who is no longer eligible for step increases the cost of living raise though appreciated, does not cover the true cost of living for the Northern Virginia area. Housing, gas, food continue to go up far beyond the 2% COLA. Adding a rise in the health insurance will place an additional hardship on senior employees.

Thank you,



<melynda.wilcox@gmail.com>

04/26/2005 01:10 PM

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Response requested:

First Name: Melynda
Last Name: Wilcox
Street Address: 403 Jackson Place
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22302
Phone: 703 549 3865
Email Address: melynda.wilcox@gmail.com

To the Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members:
I am writing to express my opposition to the 3%
compromise effort underway to reduce the city
budget. I am a parent of two elementary-school
children in the city, and I'm very concerned about
how such drastic cuts in the school system's
budget will affect our schools' ability to hire and
retain talented teachers with a competitive
package of salary and health insurance benefits,
to meet the requirements of the unfunded No
Child Left Behind mandates, and to continue the
positive momentum that is evident in many of our

schools.

I understand that some cuts to the school system budget may have to be made. If that's the case, I would ask you to please be prudent and reasonable. If we drastically cut school budgets now, and as a consequence, fewer of our schools meet NCLB standards, then what have we really achieved in terms of cost savings?

Comments:

I share the concern of other Alexandrians about the need for property tax relief for our lower-income residents. But rather than make deep cuts in the ACPS budget, I urge you to consider using a portion of the city's "rainy day fund" to grant immediate one-time relief to lower-income property owners. You might also consider asking city employees to bear more of the cost of their health insurance, along the lines of what we require of our school teachers, bus drivers and janitors.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Melynda Wilcox



<tamurphy@cox.net>

04/26/2005 02:27 PM

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Response requested:

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Last Name: Murphy
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City: Alexandria
State: Va
Zip: 22312
Phone: 703-658-0525
Email Address: tamurphy@cox.net

Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members,

Comments: I would request that you oppose the measure to add a .50 cent tax on tickets to theatre shows in Alexandria. I see all the reasons that are used such as it's less than a box of popcorn but with a family, all these small charges add up over the course of a year. As a percentage of the cost of a ticket it could be as much as 10% which is a large amount. I would guess that it may also lower attendance and have a reverse effect by lowering revenue of the theatre. This would lower any

funds coming to Alexandria and may be a detriment to the theatre and surrounding businesses due to lack of customers. Small businesses could even be put out of business.

Thank You,

Thomas Murphy



<drewseco@cox.net>

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 14:40:32] IP Address: [63.87.217.30]

Response requested:

First Name: drew
Last Name: secosky
Street Address: 299 s washington st
City: alexandria
State: va
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-299-8608
Email Address: drewseco @cox.net

Comments: Mayor...I am a bit dismayed at the proposal for a .50 cent tax on movies here in Old town..One reason my family and I enjoy attending movies at the Old town theater is the reasonable price for the tickets..With gas prices rising daily and increasing inflation we do not need another tax on anything else...Thanks for your time..Drew



<theref@msn.com>

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 15:00:08] IP Address: [68.83.220.72]

Response requested:

First Name: Dan
Last Name: Aminoff
Street Address: 277 South Washington Street, Suite 110
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 7032998600
Email Address: theref@msn.com

Comments: This is to voice my opinion in opposition to the
proposed entertainment tax being considered for
the City. While I appreciate the city's need to raise
revenue, this type of tax is counter-productive to
business in the City.



<bill.starrels@wamu.net>

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 15:01:52] IP Address: [63.87.217.30]

Response requested:

First Name: bill
Last Name: starrels
Street Address: 277 s washington street #110
City: alexandria
State: va
Zip: 22314
Phone: 7032998635
Email Address: bill.starrels@wamu.net

The idea of taxing entertainment by 50 cents per ticket is not a good idea, this is a regressive tax. This tax would give an unfair advantage to surrounding areas.

Comments: DC is now enjoying a billion dollar surplus and they have a 12% cap on property tax payments.

Surely Alexandria can manage their monies as well as Mayor Williams and the District of Columbia.



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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 15:01:55] IP Address: [152.163.100.9]

Response requested:

First Name: Jameson
Last Name: Hamilton
Street Address: 1120 Princess Street
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-207-6911
Email Address: jamesonhamilton@aol.com

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council,

It has recently come to my attention that the city is proposing adding a tax to all theatre, concert and event tickets sold in the city. Is the city not already collecting enough tax on meals and beverages sold throughout the city? On the parking infractions that the city so vigorously enforces? On the real estate taxes, parking permits, city decals, etc...

It is my guess that the city could raise substantial

Comments:

revenues by becoming a more business friendly and visitor friendly city. I am a business owner and I frequently speak to other business owners that have either looked at locating in the city or have left the city of Alexandria with their business. It always seems to come down to the same reason... The city is an unbearable entity to work with on a day to day basis. The rules and regulations have kept numerous bars and restaurants out of the city, the lack of parking and frequent ticketing keep visitors out of the city. The we want it all, we'll take it all attitude has to go. I was born in the city in 1969 and after watching the city climb into prominence in the early 1990's it has gone down hill ever since. I have friends and family that no longer come into the Old Town area because of the lack of new business coming into Alexandria and the hassle once they arrive. Heck, one of the longest running establishments in! Old Town, the Old Dominion Boat Club, you are trying to chase out. How about fixing your own docks, get slipholders and transients back into the city to spend money in the restaurants and shops and stop looking for new ways to tax. Ease up on the parking restrictions, work on your traffic issues and look to become a friendly city again.

Learn to take care of what you have and not concentrate so much on "how do we get more?".

Jameson Hamilton



<Jonathanl@summerproduction
s.com>

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 15:03:58] IP Address: [207.239.232.2]

Response requested:

First Name: Jonathan
Last Name: Lawhead
Street Address: 916 Prince St
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703 739 9795
Email Address: Jonathanl@summerproductions.com

This e-mail is in reference to the Old Town movie
theatre and ticket tax.

Comments: I have been a business owner in Old Town for 10
years and a regular patron of the theatre for
movies and lunch and would like to see the city
do what ever it can to help the theatre stay in
business. It has to compete against the AMC
Hoffman center and Hoyts theatres, which put the
original movie theatre out of buisness many
years ago.

Thanks,
Jonathan Lawhead
Summer Productions
916 Prince St.
Alexandria VA 22314



<vmontgom@acps.k12.va.us>

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 15:22:19] IP Address: [206.158.3.10]

Response requested:

First Name: V.
Last Name: Montgomery
Street Address: 12733 Nettle Creek PL
City: Woodbridge
State: VA
Zip: 22192
Phone: 703-461-4135
Email Address: vmontgom@acps.k12.va.us

Comments: Dear Mayor, Vice-Mayor, and Council Members:
I am a teacher in Alexandria City Schools. I am
writing to ask you to fully fund the schools'
budget. It is important that you support us as we
strive to provide a quality education to our
students. Thank you. V. Montgomery



<helen@summerproductions.com>

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 15:28:48] IP Address: [207.239.232.2]

Response requested:

First Name: Helen
Last Name: Holt
Street Address: Summer Productions
916 Prince Street
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-739-9795 ext 211
Email Address: helen@summerproductions.com

This regards the tax that the City of Old Town Alexandria wishes to impose upon the Old Town Movie Theater and is up for discussion this evening.

All of Old Town Alexandria "old timers" have watched the struggles of ownership at the Old Town Movie Theater and cheer the efforts of the new owners to make a financial success of the Theater once again. I have been cheering their present efforts to stay afloat.

Comments: The Theater adds a delightful dimension to King Street options and we don't want to see yet another demise of this institution.

So please have mercy at this time on these Old Town entrepreneurs and don't levy a tax just yet. Let them become established, build their regular clientele, and then see if they can carry this added tax burden.

Helen Holt
President
Summer Productions
916 Prince Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
P 703-739-9795 ext 211



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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 15:43:16] IP Address: [207.24.91.6]

Response requested:

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Last Name: Curry
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City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22304
Phone: 212-7116
Email Address: curry-eiffert@erols.com

Good Day,

The Alexandria Traffic and Parking Board met last night and approved the request by the Varsity Park neighbors to establish an "Overnight Parking District" under the new ordinance.

No behalf of the Varsity Park neighbors, I would like to thank each of you for all your effort and support in the process of developing the ordinance. This ordinance will allow for improved conditions for the Varsity Park area and serve as

an additional option for staff.

This request is docketed for tonight's Council meeting. We again ask for your support in granting the recommendations of the Traffic and Parking Board and the request of the Varsity Park neighbors.

Comments:

Since this item was heard at the Traffic and Parking Board last night and is docketed for tonight meeting, is there a need for the neighbors to be at tonight meeting?

In closing, I would like to personal say that it has been a wonderful experience to work with the Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council, as well as Rich Baier and city staff to see a need and address it is a comprehensive procedure that meets the needs of city staff and the citizens.

Thanks for allowing me to be a part of the process.

Mike



<junkd@verizon.net>

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 16:20:45] IP Address: [70.21.44.54]

Response requested:

First Name: Jennifer
Last Name: Dougherty
Street Address: 2808 Pierpont Street
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22302
Phone: 703-836-3651
Email Address: junkd@verizon.net

Dear City Council,
I am writing you today to ask that you fund the public schools as generously as possible. Though I do not agree that the budget should be fully funded to allow the school board to continue with their unproven "pet projects" like year round schooling, etc., I do think the schools need to be able to keep class sizes small and bring teachers benefits closer to what other city workers enjoy. As a parent of a current kindergartner and a two year old, I know that the schools are overcrowded, especially in some neighborhoods,

Comments:

and they will be even more so as loads of familys with small children are moving into these neighborhoods. These people are YOUR TAX BASE and WILL CONTINUE TO BE if the schools have small class sizes, well paid teachers and most of all, IF THIER CHILDREN CAN GO TO THEIR LOCAL SCHOOL and not be bussed across the city.

The school board has been reluctant to give parents a priority list for funding, and is considering open enrollment in the future. This is worrysome to most parents. Please see that the schools have the funds to keep class sizes down and to keep teachers salaries and benefits on par with other city workers, but not to continue down a path of expanding and spending on projects that are ill conceived or not proven to work.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Jennifer Dougherty



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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 16:41:56] IP Address: [66.208.210.35]

Response requested:

First Name: Brooks
Last Name: Armandroff
Street Address: 902 Oronoco St
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-299-9629
Email Address: armandroffs@comcast.net

I very much like having a movie theater in Old
Town, within walking distance to my home.

Comments: If a Item 27 passes and a 50-cent tax is added to
ticket prices, they say they'll have to close.

Please re-consider.

thanks. --baa



<dustinmace@gmail.com>

04/26/2005 04:42 PM

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 16:42:11] IP Address: [66.153.18.50]

Response requested:

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Last Name: Mace
Street Address: 2868 Fort Scott Dr.
City: Arlington
State: VA
Zip: 22202
Phone: (828) 413-0614
Email Address: dustinmace@gmail.com

Comments: PLEASE vote against Item 27 in the DC Council Meeting. Old Town Theatre provides a theatrical experience unmatched anywhere in the DC Metro Area. Please think of the proprietors of this organization before you cast a positive vote toward Item 27.



<upa4@aol.com>

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First Name: ziad
Last Name: demian
Street Address: 600 n. henry street
City: alexandria
State: va
Zip: 22304
Phone: 703 299 0558
Email Address: upa4@aol.com

Comments: please be fair of this tax increase. this theater is
important to the fabric of old town. it is an
important anchor and is unique in its presentation
of entertainment. thank you. tax the parking.



<brodewd1@yahoo.com>

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 16:51:08] IP Address: [204.251.167.182]

Response requested:

First Name: William
Last Name: Broderick
Street Address: 2400 South Glebe Road
Apt 203
City: Arlington
State: VA
Zip: 22206
Phone: 703-220-4544
Email Address: brodewd1@yahoo.com

I am writing to urge you to vote NO on Item 27,
which concerns a 50 cent tax increase on the sale
of movie tickets and tickets sold for live
entertainment. This would likely spell the end for
the Old Town Theatre.

Comments: The Old Town Theatre is valuable to the
community and historic, and it makes no sense to
make them close their doors by forcing them to
price themselves out of the market.

Please vote NO on Item 27.

Sincerely,
William Broderick



<hlennihan@hwc-dc.com>

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 16:51:11] IP Address: [65.246.69.222]

Response requested:

First Name: Holly
Last Name: Lennihan
Street Address: 11 West Walnut Street
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22301
Phone: 703-836-5782
Email Address: hlennihan@hwc-dc.com
Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council
Members,

I oppose the proposed 50 cent tax on movie
tickets.

Comments: According to Roger Fons of the Old Town
Theatre, such a tax would make their ticket sales
less competitive and thereby cut down on their
business. For the sake of supporting the Old
Town Theatre alone, I ask that you not pass such
a tax.



<les_henderson_jr@yahoo.com>

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 16:49:53] IP Address: [151.207.244.3]

Response requested:

First Name: Leslie
Last Name: Henderson
Street Address: 6002 Royal Crown Circle
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22310
Phone: 571-272-2538
Email Address: les_henderson_jr@yahoo.com

I oppose the tax raise on movie tickets, especially the way it would affect the OLD TOWN THEATER. I can just see a movie at another moive plex outside of Alexandria proper when you raise the price of a movie ticket, but to kill a movie theater that shows the more select films the THE OLD TOWN THEATER would be a shame.

Comments: Although I am not a resident of the CITY OF ALEXANDRIA now, I am moving to 5340 Holmes Park Drive in Alexandria June 1, so I will be a

voter then and will pay attention to this issue.

Thank you,

Leslie Henderson, Jr.



<ROBINGWILEY@YAHOO.COM>

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 16:47:09] IP Address: [66.208.29.2]

Response requested:

First Name: ROBIN
Last Name: WILEY
Street Address: 513 BASHFORD LANE #5
City: ALEXANDRIA
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-548-3606
Email Address: ROBINGWILEY@YAHOO.COM
Comments: KEEP LIVE THATER IN OLD TOWN -- OPPOSE ITEM 27!!



<salbertazzie@steptoe.com>

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 16:45:51] IP Address: [66.101.207.1]

Response requested:

First Name: Sally
Last Name: Albertazzie
Street Address: 1062 North Royal Street
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-836-4981
Email Address: salbertazzie@steptoe.com

Comments: I'm writing to express my opposition to docket item 17 on tonight's City Council agenda. Raising taxes on movie tickets and tickets for live entertainment would hurt businesses, like Old Town Theater, that are already struggling to stay alive in the downtown area. If taxes must be imposed, please consider exempting affected businesses that are located within the historic district of Alexandria.

Respectfully,



<mmworlando@hotmail.com>

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Response requested:

First Name: Misty
Last Name: Walsh
Street Address: 115 N Lee Street
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 2029075632
Email Address: mmworlando@hotmail.com

Comments:

I am opposed to item 27 - a \$.50 increase on the sale of movie tickets in Alexandria. The Old Town Theatre is a wonderful addition to the community. Forcing it to increase ticket prices may lead to its closing, and I believe that would be unfortunate for the citizens of Alexandria and the tourists who visit King Street.



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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 16:44:52] IP Address: [63.243.19.190]

Response requested:

First Name: Marci
Last Name: Woolson
Street Address: 7601 Admiral Dr
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22308-1010
Phone: 703-768-4412
Email Address: bluestocking4@yahoo.com

Comments: Please vote NO on item 27 ref. the .50/ticket surcharge. It's a slippery slope and while it won't break the bank for most patrons, it will drive many of us away from the wonderful theater in Alexandria. All of our venues are small- that's a big part of their charm. The theaters themselves will be hard hit from an unnecessary charge. Not to mention the added administrative costs on their part. Up the parking fines, nail more HOV offenders, but leave the theaters alone.



<staft@cov.com>

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 16:52:52] IP Address: [216.200.93.134]

Response requested: []

First Name: Sharon
Last Name: Taft
Street Address: 401 S. Pitt Street
#419
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 535-5834
Email Address: staft@cov.com

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

I am surprised and confused by your consideration of a tax on entertainment tickets, in particular where the Old Town Theater is concerned.

We keeping seeing business and after business leave Old Town because of the high cost of operating in our city and yet you now want to

impose a tax on a business that is just getting by. You will make the Old Town Theater uncompetitive with other such businesses in the area forcing it to close its doors when so many of us fought to have it open.

Comments:

The cost of doing business and the rules and regulations imposed on businesses in our city is incredible. Please reconsider this tax so we won't have to face losing The Old Town Theater too.

Why aren't we encouraging restaurants and other businesses to do business here? When the citizens of Old Town do not have a restaurant to eat in, a place to listen to music, see a movie or live performance they will go elsewhere. Eventually they may not want to live where they have to always travel for some form of entertainment. Are we that self assured that we think we can survive without the services so many of our businesses offer us within walking distance?

Do not pass this tax.

Sincerely,

Sharon K. Taft



<mbmeisel@netscape.com>

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 16:53:19] IP Address: [64.12.116.71]

Response requested:

First Name: Bette
Last Name: Meisel
Street Address: 314Hearthstone Mews
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703.739.2226
Email Address: mbmeisel@netscape.com

Comments: What I love about living in old town is that I can walk to everything. Sadly, for many years that meant everything except a movie theater. Now we have one. Instead of going to Shirlington for good movies we can walk downtown. However, at night we are uncomfortable walking home. So we take the car. Raise the price of the ticket and we might as well drive to Shirlington where we can park for free. How about amening the bill to cover venues that seat many more people or whose revenues are muvh greater.



<revlou@mvuc.org>

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 17:05:20] IP Address: [138.88.248.243]

Response requested:

First Name: Rev. Louis
Last Name: Schwebius
Street Address: 2801 Park Center Drive, #A909
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22302
Phone: 703-379-1890
Email Address: revlou@mvuc.org

As a resident of the City of Alexandria, I am writing you to formally protest Item 27 which will be formally placed on the city docket at this evening's meeting of the Alexandria City Council.

The proposed tax increase that Item 27 endorses would cause ticket prices of the Old Town Theater to rise above the level of local competition - which is high enough as it is. If we are trying to bring more people back to King Street - as well as providing valuable cultural opportunities to the local community - we should

Comments:

seek to support the local businesses, rather than make it more difficult for them to survive in the face of malls and chain entertainment establishments.

Currently, live and projected entertainment helps attract 1,000 to 2,500 patrons per week to other local area businesses. Losing many of those visitors would not be beneficial to the City of Alexandria's future.

I am requesting the City of Alexandria to reconsider their position on the taxing of projected and live entertainment.

Sincerely,

Rev. Louis V. Schwebius



<LarryMason@comcast.net>

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 17:03:16] IP Address: [68.83.214.18]

Response requested:

First Name: Lawrence
Last Name: Mason
Street Address: 819 Green St
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-548-1850
Email Address: LarryMason@comcast.net

Comments: Item 27 on tonight's agenda, providing for a 50 percent increase in the tax on movie and live entertainment tickets, would have a devastating effect on the Old Town Theater. If there is a way to exempt the Old Town Theater from this tax increase, then perhaps that's the solution. But since that's unlikely to stand up to legal challenge, I would strongly urge the Council to look elsewhere for additional tax revenue. The food and hotel tax rates are already steep, I realize, but they are footed by visitors--tourists and business travellers--and I doubt that a small

change there is likely to seriously impact tourism.
It would certainly raise more income for the city
than the movie/entertainment tax hike.

Thanks for taking these thoughts into
consideration.

Larry Mason



<drcher80@yahoo.com>

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 16:58:00] IP Address: [66.240.6.131]

Response requested:

First Name: Dianne
Last Name: Cherry, Ph. D.
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Number 407
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703 - 823 - 2075
Email Address: drcher80@yahoo.com

This evening at the Alexandria City Council meeting, Item 27 will be formally placed on the city docket. Item 27 concerns a 50 cent tax increase on the sale of movie tickets and tickets sold for live entertainment.

Comments: This will impact low- to moderate- income residents most adversely. We are the citizens who have the most difficult time affording the wonderful life Alexandria provides.

Please stand with us and defeat this motion.

Thank you in advance.



<dahlia.sabek@nreca.coop>

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 17:11:00] IP Address: [4.21.120.135]

Response requested:

First Name: dahlia
Last Name: sabek
Street Address: 3704 king street
City: alexandria
State: va
Zip: 22302
Phone: 703.907.6435
Email Address: dahlia.sabek@nreca.coop
Comments: please do not levy taxes on projected and live
entertainment businesses and drive the places
out of Alexandria. i am very happy to have Old
Town Theatre open again and provide us with
local movie house. the movie house brings many
people to the restaurants and businesses near
by..so help keep the theatre open !!



<CATRIPLETT1@YAHOO.COM>

04/26/2005 05:07 PM

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 17:07:45] IP Address: [65.240.187.2]

Response requested:

First Name: Craig
Last Name: Triplett
Street Address: 3605 Derwood Lane, Apt. 204
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22309
Phone: 703-509-5309
Email Address: CATRIPLETT1@YAHOO.COM

Comments: I am writing to urge the mayor and the city council to oppose Item 27, which would adversely affect the Old Town Theater and other establishments. The tax would cause the Old Town, a venerable institution, to close its doors. Please preserve Alexandria's charm and oppose item 27.

Thank you,
Craig A. Triplett



<kat_caldwell@yahoo.com>

04/26/2005 05:08 PM

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 17:08:29] IP Address: [64.139.69.245]

Response requested:

First Name: Katherine
Last Name: Caldwell
Street Address: 219 S Payne Street
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703.975.9754
Email Address: kat_caldwell@yahoo.com

As a resident and employed in the city of Alexandria, I ask you to please do not raise the proposed tax increase would cause ticket prices to rise above the level of our local competition. In return this proposed tax will decrease patronage, ultimately affecting alexandria's attraction's bottom line profits. With the costs of doing business on the rise, most of the businesses will not survive the market, including attractions such as the Old Town Theatre!

Currently, live and projected entertainment helps attract 1,000 to 2,500 patrons per week to other

Comments:

local area businesses. Sadly, the thrust of the reclamation of the vital King Street Retail Strategy would have to do so without the presence of the Old Town Theater and the property, and others would have to seek an occupancy that would better suit the use of the building. Losing that many visitors as well as servicing the local communities would not be beneficial to the City of Alexandria's future.

I, therefore, am requesting the City of Alexandria, to reconsider their position on the taxing of projected and live entertainment.



<LTPhillips@yahoo.com>

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 17:20:50] IP Address: [152.119.90.182]

Response requested:

First Name: Laurence
Last Name: Phillips
Street Address: 2705 Farm Road
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22302
Phone: 703.548.7144
Email Address: LTPhillips@yahoo.com
City Officials,

Comments: As a long-time Alexandria resident and property owner, I write to oppose any proposed increase in City taxes on theatre tickets. Alexandria is close -- very close -- to losing what has made it a special place to live. We need businesses and services that result in a better quality of life for City residents and visitors. In my view, the Old Town Theatre is such a business. Not only does it provide a useful service -- and often a highly enjoyable one as well -- but it also generates

needed revenue for other local businesses (restaurants, coffee houses, bookstores). I will be following this issue closely and hope you will look at the "bigger picture" (no pun intended!) when you debate this issue.

Thank you.

Larry Phillips



<leeh1128@comcast.net>

04/26/2005 05:27 PM

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 17:27:31] IP Address: [141.116.37.131]

Response requested:

First Name: Lee
Last Name: Hernly
Street Address: 2121 Jamieson Ave
Unit 806
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703.626.9692
Email Address: leeh1128@comcast.net

Dear Mayor, Vice-Mayor & City Council,

Item 27 on the city docket will do much damage to the city. Item 27 concerns a 50 cent tax increase on the sale of movie tickets and tickets sold for live entertainment.

Comments: It will force closure of many popular local businesses. Surely, the city can cut their budget or find other ways to raise money. This tax is totally unnecessary and surely will come back to

bite the city in the foot.

Find another way to raise money and leave our
local businesses alone...

Thank you.



<aaronellis@joimail.com>

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 17:32:31] IP Address: [67.102.51.162]

Response requested:

First Name: Aaron
Last Name: Ellis
Street Address: 6801 Duke Dr.
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22307
Phone: 703-765-3232
Email Address: aaronellis@joimail.com

Comments: Please do not support a 50 cent/ticket tax on
theaters like those in Old Town Alexandria. The
Old Town Alexandria theater would be adversely
affected and would likely lead to its demise.
Having a theater in the Old Town area is a big
plus for me, both as a resident and a visitor, so I
urge you to vote NO to the tax.

Thank you.



<sajbaker3@hotmail.com>

04/26/2005 05:34 PM

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 17:34:12] IP Address: [216.181.103.194]

Response requested:

First Name: Sara
Last Name: Baker
Street Address: 1709 37th ST NW
City: Washington
State: DC
Zip: 20007
Phone: 202-337-1306
Email Address: sajbaker3@hotmail.com

Comments: As an avid patron of the Old Towne Theatre in Alexandria, I would hate to see a tax increase on this stoic institution. The closing of such independent theaters such as Visions in Dupont Circle is heartbreaking. I would hate to see the commercial Lowes of the world take over. Please vote against this tax increase and save your local independent theater. Thank you.



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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 17:35:16] IP Address: [208.250.29.8]

Response requested:

First Name: Dean
Last Name: Armandroff
Street Address: 902 Oronoco St.
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-299-9629
Email Address: d_armand@yahoo.com

I am writing to urge you to oppose Item 27, the 50 cent increase in the tax on the sale of movie and live entertainment tickets.

We are fortunate to have great movie theatres like the Potomac Yards and Hoffman cineplexes and, especially, the Old Town Theatre in our town. I view these as an opportunity for entertainment and enlightenment and NOT as a source for increased tax revenues.

Our City provides great services, but at the price

Comments:

of high taxes. I do not believe the City needs more revenue, especially from a source that may kill an establishment like the Old Town Theatre. The amount of money raised from this tax could be replaced by equivalent spending cuts. There has never been a budget in the history of government across the world that cannot manage a few cuts, I am sure this is true in Alexandria's budget too.

I think the city council and mayor need to make an attitude adjustment and look for areas to cut and save rather than new areas to tax.

Don't penalize business striving to survive like the Old Town Theatre and put an additional burden on already highly taxed citizens looking for recreation outlets.

Thank you for your consideration and thank you for your service to our City.

--Dean Armandroff



<rmenes@gmu.edu>

04/26/2005 05:38 PM

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 17:38:21] IP Address: [68.83.220.38]

Response requested:

First Name: Rebecca
Last Name: Menes
Street Address: 419 South Lee Street
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-836-3641
Email Address: rmenes@gmu.edu

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Council,

There is no reason to burden movie and live entertainment tickets with an extra tax.

As a resident of Old Town, I value in-town entertainment that brings our community together.

As an economic historian whose specialty is urban economics and the history of American cities, I treasure that Old Town remains a

Comments: complete urban unit -- providing a place to live, work, and play. I and my family chose Alexandria because we wanted to live in a real place. We know that means that occasionally we live also with a little noise and not enough parking.

The recent rise in property values should have provided plenty of government revenue. Don't kill the Old Town Theater with this unnecessary tax.

Rebecca Menes



<bill_landis@comcast.net>

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 17:58:25] IP Address: [69.140.85.110]

Response requested:

First Name: bill
Last Name: landis
Street Address: 413 S St Asaph
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-519-8993
Email Address: bill_landis@comcast.net
Hello...

What is this about a 50 cent "add-on" for our children and friends who find the Old Theater's new menu and venue exciting???

What a ridiculous thought for a city whose focus is supposedly on "creating delightful, enjoyable opportunities for residents and visitors".

I suggest you consider this tariff as a precedent-setter whose result will be far less

Comments: rather than more overall entertainment.

Of equal importance to consider is the hardship and unfairness an increased price will create for those having the financial burden; also, the decrease in turn-out the higher price will cause.

Please, for the sake of everyone, DON'T LET THIS MOTION PASS".

Regards...Bill Landis



<nancy@nancyscott.com>

04/26/2005 05:51 PM

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Response requested:

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Last Name: Scott
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City: Montclair
State: VA
Zip: 22026-1127
Phone: 703.590.9996
Email Address: nancy@nancyscott.com

Dear Elected Officials of Alexandria:

I urge you not to impose the 50-cent tax increase on tickets sold for projected and live entertainment. In particular, I am concerned about the future of the Olde Town Theatre in Alexandria. This historic property deserves tax protection, not a tax increase. Not only does a theatre in this part of Alexandria add a unique element of culture, the theatre also draws many people to area restaurants and retail shops. With entertainment changing today and moving toward

Comments: independent film and related creative enterprises, Alexandria has the opportunity to take its place among other communities (Silver Spring and Bethesda, for example) that are supporting the rebirth of smaller, specialty theatres.

Please keep Alexandria among the communities with strong vision for the arts and reconsider your position.

Respectfully,

Nancy Scott
www.nancyscott.com



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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 17:50:11] IP Address: [69.140.72.153]

Response requested:

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Last Name: curtin
Street Address: 412 wilkes st
City: alexandria
State: va
Zip: 22314
Phone: 707 836 1425
Email Address: ccurtin1@comcast.net

Dear Elected Officials,

The Old Town Theatre has graced the urban landscape of OT's King Street for years, the kiosk and marquee architectural symbols of the cinematic experience.

Your council, BAR and citizens do so much to monitor the historic fabric of our city. We are all grateful that the theater shares the same protection, however, it comes at a cost that only we, as patrons, can share.

Comments:

To see a 50 cent projected and live entertainment tax applied is akin to a wrecking ball. The current tenant has done so much to bring the theater to life again and so many citizens have enjoyed the venue it has created. Find another way to raise taxes along the King Street corridor. Alcoholic beverages prices are already ridiculous, kekep the price rising. Also, many visitors drive in let them pay more to park!

Respectfully

Cathleen Curtin

PS - Whose idea was it to have Old Town trash collected on Mondays? It really makes visitors to OT welcome on a Sunday while maneuvering our sidewalks with trash and recycling stacked high! I'd appreciate a response to this post script.



<weymonic@yahoo.com>

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 17:48:49] IP Address: [208.0.20.2]

Response requested:

First Name: Nicole
Last Name: Weymouth
Street Address: 1606 W. Abingdon Dr. #302
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-725-3974
Email Address: weymonic@yahoo.com

Comments: I am writing to request that the City of Alexandria reconsider their position on the taxing of projected and live entertainment (Item 27). In particular this 50 cent tax increase on the sale of movie tickets and tickets sold for live entertainment will adversely impact the Old Town Theater, which has been a great asset to King Street and Alexandria. The proposed tax increase would cause ticket prices to rise above the level of the Old Town Theater's local competition, thus decreasing patronage, ultimately risking its survival in this market. I do not want to see that

building lay vacant, as it has for most of the time I've lived in Alexandria, or be converted to a different use that is inconsistent with its history. Losing the Old Town Theatre would not be beneficial to the City of Alexandria's future. Again, please reconsider the 50 cent tax on projected or live entertainment.

Sincerely,
Nicole L. Weymouth



<pbsidle@comcast.net>

04/26/2005 05:46 PM

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<pbsidle@comcast.net>

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 17:46:53] IP Address: [155.7.22.30]

Response requested:

First Name: Peter
Last Name: Sidle
Street Address: 4692 Kirkpatrick Lane
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22311
Phone: 703-998-7531
Email Address: pbsidle@comcast.net

I am writing to say NO to Item 27, to be formally placed on the city docket tonight. Item 27 concerns a 50 cent tax increase on the sale of movie tickets and tickets sold for live entertainment.

Comments: This is NOT in the best interests of Old Town and I strongly oppose such a tax. Please do not let this happen!!!

Pete Sidle
Citizen of and Voter in the City of Alexandria



<jnienhiser@mindandmedia.com>

04/26/2005 05:45 PM

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 17:45:11] IP Address: [67.153.91.98]

Response requested:

First Name: Jill
Last Name: Nienhiser
Street Address: 349 Wesmond Drive
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22305-3039
Phone: 703-535-6969
Email Address: jnienhiser@mindandmedia.com

Comments: I do not support Item 27, the 50 cent increase on
the sale of movie tickets and live entertainment
tickets. Please do not pass this measure.

Jill Nienhiser



<ldtobin@yahoo.com>

04/26/2005 06:22 PM

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 18:22:35] IP Address: [68.84.3.214]

Response requested:

First Name: L'Tonya
Last Name: Tobin
Street Address: 2802 Mosby Street
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22305
Phone: 7037390424
Email Address: ldtobin@yahoo.com

I do not support Item 27 of the city docket for Tuesday, April 26, 2005. Item 27 concerns a 50 cent tax increase on the sale of movie tickets and tickets sold for live entertainment. this am not in favor of this tax.

Further, I don't understand why this is necessary, given the overwhelming budget increase the city receives due to the increase in property taxes.

Comments: If you need a tax increase, tax businesses with revenue that is \$1 million, or more. They are the

entities that can afford it. The movies and other entertainment venues are some of the few sources of recreation for low-income families. I can't believe you would create a tax that disproportionately affects them.

This item is a bad idea and, as a city resident, I'm starting to feel like the city is taking advantage of its citizens.



<Kphillips@imf.org>

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 18:16:48] IP Address: [134.113.4.207]

Response requested:

First Name: Kate
Last Name: Phillips
Street Address: 502 South Columbus Street
City: Alexandrai
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: (703) 683-4734
Email Address: Kphillips@imf.org

Comments: As a concerned citizen of Alexandria, I'm sending
this e-mail to ask you to please reconsider your
position on the taxing of projected and live
entertainment (item 27), which is to be considered
at this evening's City Council meeting.

Thank you.



<patty@goptoday.com>

04/26/2005 06:13 PM

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 18:13:38] IP Address: [208.36.106.85]

Response requested:

First Name: Patricia
Last Name: Catano
Street Address: 508 Prince Street
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-684-5890
Email Address: patty@goptoday.com

Please do not let item 27 pass. The City should not be increasing the movie and live theater tax by 50 cents.

Comments: We need historic theaters like the Old Town Theater to survive.

Thank you



<poesy@lycos.com>

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 18:01:13] IP Address: [160.147.170.35]

Response requested:

First Name: Ellyn
Last Name: Wilderman
Street Address: 10211 Leslie Court, #303
City: Burke
State: VA
Zip: 22015
Phone: 703-250-6199
Email Address: poesy@lycos.com
Honorable Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council
Members --

I'm writing in support of the Old Town Theatre
and in opposition of Item 27, which would raise
the ticket price for films and entertainment
screenings in Alexandria by \$.50 or more.

The Old Town Theatre sat empty for several
years, much to the chagrin of the patrons who
enjoyed the old and stately landmark theatre.
Under the new ownership of Roger Fons, we've

enjoyed iconoclastic films that a bit off the beaten path from the mainstream, as well as many live shows and even fun lunch break showings.

Comments:

Mr. Fons believes that Item 27 would break the Old Town Theatre and I fear he may be right. Please preserve this historic and important theatre in Old Town Alexandria. Please do not pass Item 27.

I thank you for your consideration --

Sincerely,
Ellyn Wilderman



<JoleneSugarbaker@comcast.net>

04/26/2005 06:51 PM

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<JoleneSugarbaker@comcast.net>

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 18:51:04] IP Address: [69.143.39.204]

Response requested:

First Name: Jolene
Last Name: Sugarbaker
Street Address: 6280 Edsall Road #301
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22312
Phone: 703-201-8030
Email Address: JoleneSugarbaker@comcast.net

Dear Group,

Tonight you officially put on the docket, a bill to require a 50 cent charge for live entertainment and movies.

This is appalling, for the city which I reside in, to hinder live arts in this way.

I am a actor and humorist, who owns a condo in Alexandria. I produce many shows throughout the area, many of which help upcoming and poor

entertainers reach the limelight.

Most performers hardly make a buck these days, and often perform for free, because venues claim hardships. You are increasing these hardships!

I'd like to mention that I am an Alexandria resident who is about to get their own tv series on a major network. I'm very vocal, and this really puts a thorn in my side.

My customers that come to my show cannot take anymore price increases, specially ones from the city for which I thought was inspired by the arts.

Comments:

Can ya'll think of some other way to make your money, instead of taxing entertainment? The one thing people have to look forward too?

Think again about your decision, places around the area, including The Old Town Theater would close because of this...

I'll be happy to come down in costume to give you all some entertainment during your meeting, perhaps this will lighten your decision.

Sincerely

Jolene Sugarbaker
The Trailer Park Queen
<http://www.jolenestrailerpark.com>



<jholt@vt.edu>

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 18:43:46] IP Address: [208.30.170.90]

Response requested:

First Name: Jaan
Last Name: Holt
Street Address: 2114 Popkins St.
City: Alexandria
State: Virginia
Zip: 22307
Phone: 703.765.3793
Email Address: jholt@vt.edu

To whom it may concern:

Comments: The Old Town Theater is a vital part of the fabric of King Street. All efforts should be made to retain the business at this location. Therefore, it would be the right decision to not tax the tickets of this fragile, young, operation.

Sincerely,

Jaan Holt



<annmazor@yahoo.com>

04/26/2005 06:42 PM

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 18:42:52] IP Address: [69.140.73.29]

Response requested:

First Name: Arra
Last Name: Mazor
Street Address: 417 Wilkes St
City: Alexandria
State: Va
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703 548-0056
Email Address: annmazor@yahoo.com

Comments: I believe the City of Alexandria is fiscally in the black. All the new construction is generating tax dollars. Why would the city want to increase entertainment ticket taxes? The Old Town Movie Theater is an institution. Please don't drive it out of existence. What is WRong with you at City Hall?! Ann Mazor



<STOKOE@COX.NET>

04/26/2005 06:39 PM

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 18:39:16] IP Address: [68.100.212.213]

Response requested:

First Name: James
Last Name: Stokoe
Street Address: 7585 Grey Goose Way
City: ALEXANDRIA
State: VA
Zip: 22306
Phone: 703 765-3796
Email Address: STOKOE@COX.NET

Comments: Please don't add a 50 cent tax increase on the
sale of movie tickets and tickets sold for live
entertainment. This will adversely affect our local
theater and could cause it to go out of business.



<marian_green Spoon@yahoo.com>

04/26/2005 06:32 PM

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 18:32:19] IP Address: [66.106.221.106]

Response requested:

First Name: Marian
Last Name: Greenspoon
Street Address: 3200 Commonwealth Ave, #107
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22305
Phone: 703-548-3549
Email Address: marian_green Spoon@yahoo.com

Comments: I understand that you are considering a \$.50 tax on movie tickets among other entertainment. Movies are one of the last things left that people can do for entertainment relatively cheaply (assuming you do not purchase any concessions). With the rising cost of housing, gas, and many other products, why stress the low to middle income budgets. I am certain there are alternative taxes that will place the burden on households with discretionary funds to burn. I enjoy patronizing local venues, but my budget (especially for frivolities like entertainment) can

only be stretched just so far. \$.50/ticket may not be much to you but it adds up and it adds on to a venue that is still somewhat economical for those without high incomes.

Thank you.



<gyoest@earthlink.net>

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Response requested:

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City: alexandria
State: va
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703 7394222
Email Address: gyoest@earthlink.net

Comments:

I am opposed to Item 27 which is being placed on the City Docet tonight initiating discussion on a 50 cent tax on movie and live entertainment. We have very little such entertainment in the city proper and this will only further discourage it and drive more of our entrepreneurs to the suburbs. I am especially concerned about the Old Town Theater. As you know the tremendous rise in our real estate values and real estate taxes make such a tax as item 27 unnecessary, unwise and unwarranted. Thank you.



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04/26/2005 06:58 PM

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Response requested:

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Email Address: arhoran@pol.net

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of the Council,

I am deeply concerned to hear that there is a proposed tax on live and projected entertainment in our city. As a city resident who saw the decline and ultimate demise of the Old Town Theater, a vital part of our community, I would hate to see its renaissance cut short.

The refurbished theater with its eclectic schedule of programs is integral in drawing street traffic to the King Street corridor. Roger Fons and his

Comments:

associates at the theater have worked very hard to offer quality entertainment at a reasonable price. In other words, they are the very best of neighbors.

As a fellow small business owner, I know how hard it is to make ends meet and I would hate to see this worthwhile addition to our city go under.

Please reconsider moving ahead with this tax. I honestly believe that the loss of the Old Town Theater would far outweigh and increase in revenue the tax might provide.

Sincerely,

Anne R. Horan, M.D.



<tkscore@yahoo.com>

04/26/2005 06:59 PM

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Response requested:

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Last Name: Scorce
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City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-739-0717
Email Address: tkscore@yahoo.com

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Council,

Please reconsider your position on taxing projected and live entertainment. This tax increase would detrimentally affect the Old Town Theater, likely causing this fine business to close.

Comments: As neighbors in Old Town, we've been supporting this theater and want to see it stay in business. We were thrilled to see it open to projected entertainment again. This tax would kill it.

Regards,

Eric and Tracy Scorce
Loyal Old Town Theater Patrons
909 Oronoco St.
Alexandria, VA 22314



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04/27/2005 08:08 AM

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Time: [Wed Apr 27, 2005 08:08:16] IP Address: [149.101.1.126]

Response requested:

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City: ALEXANDRIA
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703 683-0205
Email Address: FCONNER@HOTMAIL.COM

April 26, 2005
Greetings,
This evening at the Alexandria City Council meeting, Item 27 will be formally placed on the city docket. Item 27 concerns a 50 cent tax increase on the sale of movie tickets and tickets sold for live entertainment. Needless to say this will adversely impact the Old Town Theater to the extent of potentially having to close our doors or selling the property and forcing the demise of the property for entertainment uses. Don't let this happen - stand with us and fight this tax.

Comments:

The proposed tax increase would cause ticket prices to rise above the level of our local competition, thus decreasing patronage, ultimately affecting the Theater's bottom line profits. Therefore, with the costs of doing business on the rise the Theater cannot survive in this market. Currently, live and projected entertainment helps attract 1,000 to 2,500 patrons per week to other local area businesses. Sadly, the thrust of the reclamation of the vital King Street Retail Strategy would have to do so without the presence of the Old Town Theater and the property would have to seek an occupancy that would better suit the use of the building. Losing that many visitors as well as servicing the local communities would not be beneficial to the City of Alexandria's future.



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Time: [Wed Apr 27, 2005 05:25:48] IP Address: [69.140.66.117]

Response requested:

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Last Name: Bryant-Akers
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City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 702-683-2627
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Comments: NO to the 50-cent tax on entertainment tickets.



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04/27/2005 12:05 AM

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Response requested:

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Last Name: Gainor
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State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-566-1199
Email Address: dgainor4@comcast.net

I am sorry I was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Here are the remarks I wanted to make:

Good evening ladies and gentlemen.

It seems we're still talking about spending. I know asking a politician to quit spending is like asking an addict to give up heroin, but it's time for a 12-step program for this city.

Well, maybe not 12 steps, so how about two? Step one, stop spending so darn much. Step two,

don't raise taxes. It's really quite simple.

I was here the other day when a lot of homeowners rightly protested the massive increase in the taxes they pay on their homes. Now it seems the easy solution is to create new taxes and dump on those of us who use cell phones or support a local business by seeing a movie. That doesn't solve anything. All it does is move the hand of government from one pocket to another.

Comments:

You are talking about passing the buck – our bucks that is. You are talking about increasing taxes, not just on homeowners but on the 60% of Alexandria households that rent.

Sixty percent. Even to people who can't balance books, it should be obvious that 60 percent is a majority.

It should also be obvious that the people in Alexandria – homeowners, renters and businessmen and women – are tired of seeing ridiculous hikes in spending each year. Hopefully, the actions you take in the coming weeks will reflect the desires of the voters to keep spending in check. If not, the actions we take at the polls will reflect those same desires.

Your actions are stirring this city to a tax revolt. Maybe that's because we are all stretched thin and trying to survive in an area that is rapidly pricing us out of our neighborhoods. Or maybe it's because we think the tax increases you suggest are so revolting that we have no choice but to act.



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Response requested:

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Last Name: Seno Reed
Street Address: 1619B Hunting Creek Dr.
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-739-0169
Email Address: cr68@georgetown.edu

Comments: I say No to Item 27. Do not increase taxes on the
sale of movie tickets.
Respectfully
Cosetta Seno Reed



<jb@kbas-ny.com>

04/26/2005 11:18 PM

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Response requested:

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Last Name: Beckman
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City: Alexanria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703 739 3252
Email Address: jb@kbas-ny.com

Dear Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members,

I am writing to oppose Item 27 recently placed on the city docket. The proposed tax on movie tickets and live entertainment tickets would adversely affect patronage at the Old Town Theater on King Street.

In communities today, there are increasingly fewer and fewer examples of places which offer neighborhood residents a place for culture, education, and entertainment. The Old Town

Comments:

Theater has been a breath of fresh air in contrast to it oversized, impersonal, epitome-of-suburban-sprawl competitors, AMC Theaters Hoffman Center 22 and Regal Cinemas Potomac Yard 16. Where is the "community" or "neighborhood" at Potomac Yard shopping center? And a Ruby Tuesday's at Hoffman Center does not equate to the "Main Street" neighborhood feel of Old Town Theater on King Street.

I have lived in Alexandria for less than two years, but I've read about the hardships from which Old Town Theater has suffered to simply remain a community theater interested in exposing its neighborhood community to quality, independent films and family entertainment.

Please allow Old Town Theater to thrive - do not impose any more additional taxes on the sale of movie tickets or live entertainment tickets.

Respectfully,

Julie Beckman



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Response requested:

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Last Name: Crowley
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City: Arlington
State: VA
Zip: 22203
Phone: 703-524-7508
Email Address: jcrow1518@aol.com

Comments: Having grown up in the City of Alexandria, worked in the City for many years and still a frequent visitor I have wonderful memories of the entertainment venues the city use to offer. Currently the only theater offering wonderful movies and live entertainment is the Old Town Theater. Many years ago I took my children to the theater for live entertainment before it was closed for several years. I would truly hate to see that happen again. Imposing an additional tax on tickets persents a very real possibility of that occuring again. This theater is a gem and its

patrons also bring business to other restaurants and shops in the city. It would be extremely short sighted of the City to in effect 'tax' a money making one of a kind venue out of business.



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04/26/2005 10:38 PM

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Response requested:

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Last Name: MILLER
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City: ALEXANDRIA
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-549-0246
Email Address: SIJI@AOL.COM
Comments: WE SAY NO TO ITEM 27! PLEASE DO NOT
DRIVE BUISNESS AWAY FROM ALEXANDRIA
WITH THIS TAX



<CML1130@comcast.net>

04/26/2005 10:08 PM

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Response requested:

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Last Name: Long
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City: Alexandria
State: Va.
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703 739 4226
Email Address: CML1130@comcast.net
Comments: Do not allow this .50 entertainment tax to go through. It would mean the demise of the Old Town Theater



<mpankove@comcast.net>

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Last Name: Pankove
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State: VA
Zip: 22314
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Dear Elected Leaders

Please do not support a tax increase on entertainment. We do not support such an increase.

The proposed increase will adversely impact the Old Town Theatre. This is a special venue struggling for a share of a very limited market. This unique resource for the community provides a terrific setting for varied performances not available elsewhere in Alexandria. We truly enjoy

Comments:

performances there. We note that they are at a favorable price-point and don't gouge customers on snacks or drinks.

We will continue to support the theatre, but probably less frequently if the price-point increases.

Sincerely,

Martin Pankove



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Response requested:

First Name: Mary
Last Name: Clock-Rust
Street Address: 317 Commonwealth
City: Aelxandria
State: VA
Zip: 22301
Phone: 703-549-1954
Email Address: clairda@gmail.com

Comments: Please do not add a tax to movie tickets and other live entertainment in Alexandria!! There have to be other ways to get the money we need (how about taxing all of those people driving through our neighborhoods?). Live entertainment has never been better around here...I am thinking of Tiffany Tavern and the Old Town Theater.
Thanks, I so love my town!
By the way, I am really concerned about the increased traffic on Commonwealth from the Patent Office employees. They zoom so fast (I have a kid) and sometimes it is terrible.



<cpflavell@yahoo.com>

04/26/2005 09:10 PM

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 21:10:16] IP Address: [67.101.57.7]

Response requested:

First Name: Carol
Last Name: Flavell
Street Address: 14 E Myrtle Street
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22301
Phone: 703-684-7735
Email Address: cpflavell@yahoo.com

I am very concerned about the impact of Item 27 (the 50 cent tax increase on the sale of movie tickets and tickets sold for live entertainment) on the Old Town Theater. If I could have been at tonight's meeting I would have been.

The new owner of the theatre has an excellent and diverse program of films, music and community events. He is trying to preserve the theatre's architecture and heritage and keep it from becoming another concrete eyesore in the middle of Old Town.

I took my eighteen year old son to a film there two months back and he was "dazzled" by the theatre itself, the ambience, and the owner, who got up to describe coming events and give a brief history of the theatre.

Please don't let this theatre die with this legislation! I grew up near Fredericksburg in the 1960s, where two huge and gorgeous theatres (one early century, the other deco/nouveau period) were sold off owing to legislation intended for the suburbs that killed the downtown. One of these lovely old theatres is now the "social hall" of the first Baptist Church; the other one has been converted to shops and high-rent apartments.

My husband lives in the UK, caring for an elderly parent. I visit often and we go to our local community theatre, often. You can visit it at www.electricpalace.com. Once there, you will realize that the U.K. is actively preserving it's turn of the century movie houses.

Comments:

What is wrong in this country? Why aren't we giving the owner incentives to renew and protect the property rather than taxing him out of business.

Thanks for listening to me.

ntially having to close our doors or selling the property and forcing the demise of the property for entertainment uses. Don't let this happen - stand with us and fight this tax. The proposed tax increase would cause ticket prices to rise above the level of our local competition, thus decreasing patronage, ultimately affecting the Theater's bottom line profits. Therefore, with the costs of doing business on the rise the Theater cannot survive in this market. Currently, live and projected entertainment helps attract 1,000 to 2,500 patrons per week to other local area businesses. Sadly, the thrust of the reclamation of the vital King Street Retail Strategy would have to do so without the presence of the Old Town Theater and the property would have to seek an occupancy that would better suit the use of the building. Losing that many visitors as well as servicing the local communities would not be beneficial to the City of Alexandria's future.

I, therefore, am requesting the City of Alexandria, to reconsider their position on thwe taxing of

projected and live entert



<czelizer@yahoo.com>

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 20:29:45] IP Address: [70.21.32.250]

Response requested:

First Name: Craig
Last Name: Zelizer
Street Address: 5 Canterbury Square, Apt. 402
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22304
Phone: 703-461-8304
Email Address: czelizer@yahoo.com

Comments: I am just writing to request the city of Alexandria
does not pass Item 27 to increase the tax on
movie tickets.
Thank you



<wfmuse@aol.com>

04/26/2005 08:20 PM

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 20:20:26] IP Address: [64.12.116.71]

Response requested:

First Name: William
Last Name: Muse
Street Address: 715 S. Washington St.
Apt A22
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703.549.9442
Email Address: wfmuse@aol.com

Comments: I am asking that you please reconsider this extra tax. Surely there is a better way to raise revenue. We are making it harder and harder for those businesses that attract people from outside the city to survive. I fear that we will end up with nothing but t shirt shops and sub shops. Bars and restaurants are fine. I am a patron of many. But how do you measure the value of an establishment that brings live entertainment and movies back to Old Town? Going to the Hoffman

or the Potomac Yards complexes are like watching a movie in an airport lounge. No atmosphere or comfort. Don't chase those businesses away for what I suspect is a relatively small amount of money.

Thank you for your attention.

Will Muse



<msalwin@aol.com>

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 20:07:10] IP Address: [152.163.100.9]

Response requested:

First Name: Marjorie
Last Name: Salwin
Street Address: 1807H DeWitt Avenue
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22301
Phone: (202) 285-0775
Email Address: msalwin@aol.com

Comments: I am opposed to the proposed 50-cent increase in
tax on individual tickets sold for movie theatre
performances in the city of Alexandria.



<gmb@lawshapiro.net>

04/26/2005 08:03 PM

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 20:03:19] IP Address: [138.88.49.33]

Response requested:

First Name: G M
Last Name: Baron
Street Address: 132 Roberts Lane #203
City: Alexandria
State: Virginia
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703 683 3439
Email Address: gmb@lawshapiro.net

I oppose the 50cent tax increase on movie and entertainment tickets in Alexandria. I believe this will inflate the costs of these events enough to cause a decrease in local patronage. There is stiff competition in the area for places to visit, entertainment, and evenings "out on the town." Alexandria is already fighting the traffic increases and difficulty in finding reasonable parking - increasing the cost of entertainment in the area will not only harm the businesses providing such entertainment but increase the cost to a point that patrons will turn elsewhere. I know this from

Comments:

experience, being a City resident and trying to encourage friends and family to visit the businesses here rather than traveling off to other locations with easier parking. I can use the current competitive prices to my advantage in convincing folks to come out here. I will no longer be able to do so, if our prices are not competitive.
!

Thank you for your time and consideration, and your service to our City.

Sincerely,
G M Baron



<gillian.mcarthur@worldnet.att.net>

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 19:59:26] IP Address: [12.77.120.71]

Response requested:

First Name: Gillian
Last Name: McArthur
Street Address: 800 S. Washington Street
C-208
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-299-0923
Email Address: gillian.mcarthur@worldnet.att.net
Comments: It would be a real shame to put up price of tickets
for movies with an additional tax. The Old Town
Theatre has been a nice addition to King Street.
Put up the tax on car licenses in Old Town - the
cars are ruining this little town.



<j_f_horan@yahoo.com>

04/26/2005 07:12 PM

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 19:12:04] IP Address: [205.153.36.171]

Response requested:

First Name: jay
Last Name: horan
Street Address: 604 s lee
City: alexandria
State: va
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-587-4197 (cell)
Email Address: j_f_horan@yahoo.com
Comments: I support the old town theater and oppose the 50 cent tax on theater tickets.
J Horan



<joefitz@alumni.princeton.edu>

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Please respond to
<joefitz@alumni.princeton.edu>

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 19:06:39] IP Address: [216.151.228.226]

Response requested:

First Name: Joseph
Last Name: Fitzgerald
Street Address: 532 N Columbus
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-582-3489
Email Address: joefitz@alumni.princeton.edu

Comments: I have read that they city of Alexandria is considering placing a \$.50 increase in taxes on the sale of movie teckets as part of Item 27. I believe this will adversely effect the business of the Old Town Theater. This is a theater that has had a rocky past and periods of vacancy. I don't believe it is a thriving business, but instead one that is hanging on. This is also a business that I would like to see continue operation in Alexandria -- the only movie theater in old town. These one-screen theaters are pretty rare already! Please do not impose any additional tax on movie

tickets in Alexandria, unless you can make an exemption for one-screen venues such as the Old Town Theater. Thank you for your time.

-Joe Fitzgerald



<glam@loc.gov>

04/26/2005 07:03 PM

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Time: [Tue Apr 26, 2005 19:03:59] IP Address: [70.21.88.32]

Response requested:

First Name: Guy
Last Name: Lamolinara
Street Address: 411 N. Columbus St.
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 7035496199
Email Address: glam@loc.gov
Comments: Please do NOT pass this misguided tax on
theater tickets. We need the Old Town Theater,
which was shuttered before. It is time for City Hall
to cut back on spending. Enough is enough!



<itzapa@comcast.net>

04/27/2005 08:47 AM

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Time: [Wed Apr 27, 2005 08:47:32] IP Address: [134.67.6.24]

Response requested:

First Name: Susan
Last Name: Stanton
Street Address: 956 N Washington St
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-836-6376
Email Address: itzapa@comcast.net

I understand that Alexandria is considering an additional tax on projected (i.e., movies) and live entertainment. I strongly oppose this tax on the grounds that it may force independent theaters, such as the Old Town Theater, out of business. It's great to have a neighborhood theater back in Old Town after years without one, and it would be tragic to lose it again.

Instead of taxing culture, which we need more of, not less, why not tax something we need less of, such as SUVs or the gasoline that powers them.

Comments: A tax on gasoline would raise revenues, ease traffic congestion and improve the air quality for those of us walking to our local movie house. Or if you haven't the strength to take on the SUV culture, how about a tax on tobacco or guns, two more things which we could do without.

Please say no to the tax on Alexandria culture.

Susan Stanton,
Old Town resident



<kougeas@comcast.net>

04/27/2005 08:47 AM

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Time: [Wed Apr 27, 2005 08:47:55] IP Address: [209.118.99.66]

Response requested:

First Name: Paula
Last Name: Kougeas
Street Address: 711 Little Street
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22301
Phone: 703 549 4272
Email Address: kougeas@comcast.net

Comments: Please do not put a tax on movie and live
entertainment tickets. It would be a serious blow
to small owners, such as the Old Town Theater.
That Theater is an important part of the fabric of
King Street Commerce!



<jstern@susancollins.com>

04/27/2005 09:59 AM

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Time: [Wed Apr 27, 2005 09:59:39] IP Address: [141.156.15.95]

Response requested:

First Name: James
Last Name: Stern
Street Address: 216 N Patrick Street
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 7033519130
Email Address: jstern@susancollins.com

I have recently learned about plans to increase movie ticket prices by 50 cents, which would hit the Old Town Theatre very hard. Any such levy should be avoided -- the Old Town Theatre is an important business to the community, and one that is very important to me as a resident. It anchors the shopping on King Street and it fulfills the purpose of the historic building that houses it.

Comments: It is not difficult to see how a 50 cent increase in tax would have disasterous effects on this fragile, upstart business. I sincerely hope that you will

reconsider imposing this burden on the theatre and its patrons. In the end, this imposition will certainly do more harm than good. I will consider votes like this very seriously in my own determinations at the ballot box.

Thanks very much,
James Y. Stern



<vagabondkris@yahoo.com>

04/27/2005 10:03 AM

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Time: [Wed Apr 27, 2005 10:03:38] IP Address: [151.188.0.232]

Response requested:

First Name: kristen
Last Name: scott
Street Address: 6641 wakefield dr
City: alexandria
State: va
Zip: 22307
Phone: 571-332-3675
Email Address: vagabondkris@yahoo.com

Comments: Hasn't the over building and parking in Alexandria brought you enough revenue? Now you give movie and live entertainment fans every reason not to partake in Alexandria. I know I'm going to DC or Arlington from now on. Thank you very much for making Alexandria even less attractive.



<SMSmmb@aol.com>

04/27/2005 10:25 AM

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Time: [Wed Apr 27, 2005 10:25:23] IP Address: [64.12.116.71]

Response requested:

First Name: Mary
Last Name: Morrow-Bax
Street Address: 302 S. ColumbusSt.
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-684-8311
Email Address: SMSmmb@aol.com

Comments: We do not need another tax increase particularly
one on movie theaters
and entertainment venues. Give the Old Town
theater a break. It's so great to have them back --
please don't put them out of business with higher
ticket prices. Many Alexandria residents already
go to Shirlington and other out-of-the City locales
for their movies -- your tax will simply cause
"many" to become "most." When you create the
exodus, you'll end up losing money and that will

have an adverse effect on all of us.



<mzeigler@hungercenter.org>

04/27/2005 10:34 AM

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Time: [Wed Apr 27, 2005 10:34:31] IP Address: [141.156.107.63]

Response requested:

First Name: Margaret
Last Name: Zeigler
Street Address: 1120 North Pitt Street
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-739-1053
Email Address: mzeigler@hungercenter.org

I am completely opposed to Item 27 regarding additional taxes to be levied on movie tickets and places of entertainment. With the increase in revenues you have now from our real estate taxes, how can you possibly be looking to raise more revenue from small businesses that bring life and culture to our community?

Comments: I urge you to vote against this measure and I will be tracking how you handle this matter. We cannot afford to lose small businesses in the heart of Alexandria.



<Lseward@fabmac.com>

04/27/2005 10:55 AM

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Time: [Wed Apr 27, 2005 10:55:32] IP Address: [207.192.151.42]

Response requested:

First Name: Alyssa
Last Name: Seward
Street Address: 904 Darton Drive
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22308
Phone: 7033603474
Email Address: Lseward@fabmac.com

Comments: Please do not approval the \$.50 tax on live
entertainment and theater tickets.
Thank you.
Alyssa Seward



<isaiaha@hotmail.com>

04/27/2005 09:05 AM

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Time: [Wed Apr 27, 2005 09:05:52] IP Address: [156.33.74.24]

Response requested:

First Name: Isaiah
Last Name: Akin
Street Address: 113 N. Fayette St. #1
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-548-8816
Email Address: isaiaha@hotmail.com

Comments: Please oppose Item 27, the proposed 50 cent tax increase on the sale of movie tickets and tickets sold for live entertainment. I fear that this increase would hurt the Old Town Theatre because it is less able to absorb the tax into their ticket prices than the big chains can.



<mgh@rjackclapp.com>

04/27/2005 09:46 AM

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Time: [Wed Apr 27, 2005 09:46:10] IP Address: [68.165.211.154]

Response requested:

First Name: Mary
Last Name: Hamill
Street Address: 1202 Portner Road
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-609-4691
Email Address: mgh@rjackclapp.com

Comments: I would like to comment on the new tax being added to movie theatre tickets. Personaly I enjoy the fact that the Old Town Theatre has opened up again. This is a landmark of Old Town and I think it is good for the community to have it opened again. The new owner has gone to a lot of trouble and expense to give enjoyment back to the people of Old Town and I think it would hurt his business greatly to add a new tax to his business. I am also sure he has spent a lot of money purchasing the theatre and trying to keep it up and running and I think he deserves a chance to

make some of his money back. I dont think the City of Alexandria is hurting that bad that it may put a new business out of business in order to gain more money for the city. Please re-consider the tax hike and let us all enjoy the Old Town Theatre and what it gives to us as a community.
Thank you Mary Hamill resident of Old Town



<smclain@pandamd.com>

04/27/2005 09:41 AM

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Time: [Wed Apr 27, 2005 09:41:51] IP Address: [63.162.69.6]

Response requested:

First Name: Steven
Last Name: McLain
Street Address: 1739 Kingsgate Court
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22302
Phone: 703-379-8416
Email Address: smclain@pandamd.com

Comments: As a citizen of Alexandria, I strongly object to your
plan to attach a 50 cent tax to entertainment
tickets. Please do not enact such a tax.

Thank you and Regards.

27
4-26-05



<frkprindle@aol.com>

04/29/2005 05:26 PM

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Time: [Fri Apr 29, 2005 17:26:21] IP Address: [205.188.116.133]

Response requested:

First Name: Frank & Graciela
Last Name: Prindle
Street Address: 708 South Lee Street
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703.299.3033
Email Address: frkprindle@aol.com
Comments: Please don't tax the movie theatre. We love it &
don't want it to close.

27
4-26-05



<maggierett@aol.com>

05/01/2005 09:31 PM

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Time: [Sun May 01, 2005 21:31:42] IP Address: [205.188.116.133]

Response requested:

First Name: Maggie
Last Name: Rettig
Street Address: 719 N. Fayette St
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 7038363981
Email Address: maggierett@aol.com

Comments: We very much enjoy having the Old Town theatre as a local resouce and have attended both live and movie presentations there. We are concerned that the proposed 50 cent tax will make it difficult for the theatre to continue in business. We hope that the city council will be able to finalize a budget that does not require enactment of Item 27 for the budget. Thank you for your consideration, Maggie Rettig



<vlaskamp@earthlink.net>

04/27/2005 11:11 AM

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Time: [Wed Apr 27, 2005 11:11:08] IP Address: [4.249.189.37]

Response requested:

First Name: Karen
Last Name: Vlaskamp
Street Address: 2A Forrest Street
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22305
Phone: 703-684-8388
Email Address: vlaskamp@earthlink.net

This is in reference to Item 27, a propped 50 cent tax increase on tickets for movies and live entertainment.

While this amount may seem minimal, it is a large increase on the price of movie tickets and would adversely impact the Old Town Theater, which is an asset to the downtown area. Already, the Theater must charge more for senior and matinee tickets than other theaters in the area in order to meet their costs. This new tax would be another extra burden on the small businesses, which

more and more are being forced from the city in favor of chains, business that are more able to absorb the costs.

Comments:

Live entertainment in the downtown area should be something that the City is promoting. It helps bring a vibrancy to the area, with patrons shopping and dining before or after their time at shows. Currently, live and projected entertainment helps attract 1,000 to 2,500 patrons per week to other local area businesses.

The Old Town Theater also adds some charm to the King Street area with its interesting and unique programming.

Please reconsider the tax on projected and live entertainment.



<mileshamby@verizon.net>

04/27/2005 11:10 AM

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Time: [Wed Apr 27, 2005 11:10:19] IP Address: [151.196.108.226]

Response requested:

First Name: Miles
Last Name: Hamby
Street Address: 6505 Hillside Lane
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22306
Phone: 703-768-1353
Email Address: mileshamby@verizon.net

In support of the Old Town Theater on King St, I encourage you to reconsider the additional tax proposed in Proposition 27. This historic theater has been revived through great effort and expense and I believe has contributed immensely to drawing local citizens back into Alexandria. The look of King Street on a summer evening with a full moon as backdrop to the pastel street and shop lights conveys a nostalgic feeling of a sense of community - something often lost in our urban settings. And the Old Town Theater, its marquee framed by the lovely trees along the street, is an

Comments: essential ingredient in that feeling of community - it's 'our' theater - an independent movie house with a strong deference to community, far detached from the cold, mass-production chains. I have no monetary interest in The Old Town Theater, but I know the staff and a little about the business. The Theater operates on shoe string - if fear that if this tax is approved, that shoe string will get even smaller and very soon, one of the last independent movie houses that maintains intimate connection with its patrons and is vital to the City's vision of community, will be lost. Stay true to your vision, Alexandria - don't be another Georgetown. Miles Hamby



<jmccandless@ancor.org>

04/27/2005 12:02 PM

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Time: [Wed Apr 27, 2005 12:02:55] IP Address: [66.7.28.102]

Response requested:

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Apt. 209
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22302
Phone: 703-820-0679
Email Address: jmccandless@ancor.org

I understand that you will be voiting on item 57 shortly. I've been notified that '57' is a tax issue wherein a .surgharge would be placed on movie/entertainment tickets in Alexandria. I do urge you not to pass this increase. A small business such as the Old Town Theatre on King Street would be hard pressed to keep its doors open with reduced patronage. The Theatre is a gem in the community and is underutilized by residents now unfortunately. I would hate to see them close their doors because they can't afford

Comments:

to stay open. Let's not see King Steet become just a mass of 'chains' ..one of the reasons I moved to Alexandria in the first place was because of the mix of independent business in Old Town. A small movie theater is such a rarity today - let's try to hold onto that, especially one that offers such a unique experience as the Old Town Also, as a frequent moviegoer myself...why penalize us...movie tic! kets are already high, think of folks on fixed budgets, seniors, etc. who have to watch evey penny - and continue to pay higher taxes, etc. This has to stop somewhere.

thank you.



<weiss@fhhlaw.com>

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Time: [Wed Apr 27, 2005 12:06:37] IP Address: [141.156.202.15]

Response requested:

First Name: howard
Last Name: weiss
Street Address: 1005 North Terrill Street
City: alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22304
Phone: 703-931-0404
Email Address: weiss@fhhlaw.com

Comments: I believe that the Old Town Theater is a valuable,
wonderful cultural asset in the community. The
proposed tax would, in my view, be harmful to the
theater and therefore I oppose it.

Howard Weiss



<karmaking1@yahoo.com>

04/27/2005 11:56 AM

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Time: [Wed Apr 27, 2005 11:56:20] IP Address: [162.130.197.13]

Response requested:

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Last Name: Kilty
Street Address: 7546 Cross Gate Lane
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22315
Phone: 703-971-4485
Email Address: karmaking1@yahoo.com

Comments: I am completely against Item 27. It has
ramifications for small theatres including the Old
Town Theatre. I am a frequent customer of this
establishment and to see what your tax would do
to them is upsetting. I can't see how they could
afford to stay in business.



<donotincrease@aol.com>

04/27/2005 11:45 AM

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Time: [Wed Apr 27, 2005 11:45:31] IP Address: [65.201.158.5]

Response requested:

First Name: Laura
Last Name: Larson
Street Address: Arlington
City: Arlington
State: VA
Zip: 22202
Phone: 222-222-2222
Email Address: donotincrease@aol.com

Comments: Please do not increase the tax! Keep large corporations from squeezing the little guy out! I am a new Arlington resident who recently 'found' the Old Town Theatre. Help keep this treasure alive and thriving!



<adedivan@aol.com>

04/27/2005 12:42 PM

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Time: [Wed Apr 27, 2005 12:42:36] IP Address: [65.123.193.117]

Response requested:

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Last Name: Edivan
Street Address: 323 East Mason Ave
City: Alexandria
State: Virginia
Zip: 22301
Phone: 703-549-8623
Email Address: adedivan@aol.com

Comments: I would like to ask you to please reconsider and say no to Item 27.
The taxing of live and projected entertainment seems harsh and very potentially fatal to most venues. Stop looking toward the arts and entertainment to obtain tax money. Up the tax on cigarettes and alcohol.
There are other places that are close to Alexandria, and if they happen to be less expensive then who wouldn't go there instead.

Thank you.



<sueandbob2@comcast.net>

04/27/2005 01:01 PM

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Time: [Wed Apr 27, 2005 13:01:46] IP Address: [69.140.86.179]

Response requested: []

First Name: Susan and Robert
Last Name: Williams
Street Address: 803 Rivergate Place
City: Alexandria
State: va
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-683-5539
Email Address: sueandbob2@comcast.net

We OPPOSE the agenda item that would add a 50 cent tax to movie and live entertainment tickets in Aleandria.

We enjoy being able to walk to events at the Old Town Theatre and the Metro Stage. Adversely affecting these enterprises seems contrary to anyone's best interests. Certainly both are relatively fledging operations and don't need additional burdens. We have seen great things at both businesses and hope to continue to do so.

Comments: Are there also proposals for additional taxes on other enterprises? Can we expect higher prices in restaurants? On food eaten at tables outside? What about galleries, book stores, other shops?

Who is trying to make Alexandria less attractive to live and visit???

I'm contacting everyone I know to oppose this change.



<tmilani@ida.org>

04/27/2005 01:33 PM

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Time: [Wed Apr 27, 2005 13:33:16] IP Address: [129.246.254.14]

Response requested: []

First Name: Tom
Last Name: Milani
Street Address: 1211 Duke Street
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-683-9624
Email Address: tmilani@ida.org

Mr. Mayor, Vice-mayor, and Council Members,
I am requesting that you oppose Item 27 on the
city docket. Increasing taxes on tickets sold for
live entertainment may have an adverse impact
on venues like the Old Town Theater. The theater
currently is trying to find it niche in the community.
At the very least, taxing ticket purchases may
cause some patrons to stay away because of the
perception that entertainment in Old Town is
overpriced; at worst, the theater may be forced to
reduce its margins to remain competitive, at
which point it may no longer be financially

sustainable.

Comments:

I've lived in Old Town since 1992 and have been a patron of the theater in its latest inception since its opening. I would hate to see it -- or any other venues -- driven from the city. At the same time, I don't want new entertainment venues to forgo Old Town because of its tax policies.

A thriving commercial sector improves quality of life for residents and brings in revenue for the city in the form of business and other taxes. King Street, with its outdoor dining and live entertainment, is the soul of the Historic District; please don't do anything to change that.

Thank you for your consideration,

Tom Milani



<redcard48@yahoo.com>

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Time: [Wed Apr 27, 2005 13:30:31] IP Address: [12.109.186.150]

Response requested:

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Last Name: Ball
Street Address: 5840 Cameron Run Terrace
Apt 1411
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22303
Phone: 703-960-6153
Email Address: redcard48@yahoo.com

Comments: As a youth movie theatres like the Old Town
Theatre provided many fond memories of
Saturday matinees and Friday night dates. It
would be a shame to see the end of another "old
time" movie house because of the desire to add a
few dollars to the city coffers. What little money
collected by the new tax would be short lived
when the Old Town Theater goes out of business.
The proposed tax is discriminatory at best. Why
not tax businesses that provide water and treats
for the many dogs that frequent the streets of Old

Town? Being a fairly new resident to the area it appeared that Alexandria was pro-business, especially in the Old Town area. It appears that Alexandria is only pro "certain" businesses. Down with the tax!



<cjones@presidio.com>

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Time: [Wed Apr 27, 2005 13:51:47] IP Address: [12.17.36.1]

Response requested:

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Last Name: Jones
Street Address: 117 N. Peyton Street
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-568-4246
Email Address: cjones@presidio.com

Comments: Council Members,
Please do NOT pass Item 27 tonight! Raising
movie ticket & live entertainment taxes by 50
cents would cause the Old Town Theater's prices
to rise above competition, eventually causing the
OTT to go out of business, which would be an
absolute shame! We and all our friends LOVE the
Old Town Theater, and it is both a gathering
place and landmark in our community. Just when
mid/upper King Street is starting to really revitalize
and offer unique entertainment opportunities
OTHER than bars, we don't want it to be forced to

shut down.
Thanks for hearing me,
Carol & Ben Jones



<sheila08@yahoo.com>

04/27/2005 02:11 PM

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Time: [Wed Apr 27, 2005 14:11:59] IP Address: [66.240.6.131]

Response requested:

First Name: Sheila
Last Name: Pollak
5466 Calhoun Avenue
Street Address: or PO Box 19303
Alexandria, VA 22320
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22311
Phone: 000-000-0000
Email Address: sheila08@yahoo.com

Dear Council:

Please do not add a tax to movie tickets. I am unemployed, and I cannot afford them as it is.

Save money by plantingperennials in front of City Hall instead of annuals, cut the number of plants used by 2/3rds as way toomany are planted, and reuse thetuliplants you presently throw away.

Comments:

I don't feel that I should pay for the myriad of items on which you waste money. Some other prominent examples are the pedestrian tunnel under Duke Street (where there is a fine crosswalk, as opposed to nothing for pedestrians at Seminary Rd. and Beauregard Street), and the "free" DASH lunch bus for Patent Office workers that doesn't even go as far as the river. What horrendous wastes of money.

SINCERELY,
Sheila A. Pollak,
unemployed and being forced out of the rental market here



<uve@ctam.com>

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Time: [Wed Apr 27, 2005 14:11:15] IP Address: [65.242.51.26]

Response requested:

First Name: Uve
Last Name: Hodgins
Street Address: 813 Little Street
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22301
Phone: 703-549-2949
Email Address: uve@ctam.com

Comments: Please nix Item 27 regarding a 50 cent tax increase on the sale of movie tickets and tickets sold for live entertainment. We waited so long for the Old Town Theatre to re-open and we want to see it thrive and keep the unique character of our neighborhood. Surely there are more important things to worry about, like the over-development of Alexandria. Thanks for your time.



<ijk2@georgetown.edu>

04/27/2005 02:34 PM

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Response requested:

First Name: John
Last Name: Keown
Street Address: 2907 Olive St NW
City: Washington
State: DC
Zip: 20007
Phone: 202 333 2962
Email Address: ijk2@georgetown.edu

Dear Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members

Comments: I was saddened to hear that a proposed increase in ticket prices for live performances would threaten the future of the Old Town theater. Until recently I lived in Arlington and found the theater to be a delightful venue for quality live entertainment, of which there is such a sad lack. The theater is a great asset to Old Town and it would be very unfortunate if it went out of business.

Yours faithfully

Professor John Keown



<vardoboy@yahoo.com>

04/27/2005 03:11 PM

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Time: [Wed Apr 27, 2005 15:11:53] IP Address: [134.205.14.125]

Response requested:

First Name: Jim
Last Name: Cooper
Street Address: 504 N. West St.
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: (703)695-3653
Email Address: vardoboy@yahoo.com

Comments:

I would like to add my voice to the "No" count for Item 27. The Old Town Theater needs a chance to generate a customer base -- I don't think it has had an adequate chance yet. And this tax may prevent that from happening and force the theater to close. This theater adds a lot to the Old Town experience; my wife and I have attended several movies there. We really enjoy being able to walk down to the theater for an "art house" movie -- as opposed to having to drive out of Alexandria for such entertainment. Please do not stake the future of this theater on this additional tax.



<MaureenJohnston@verizon.net
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Time: [Wed Apr 27, 2005 15:39:06] IP Address: [169.253.4.21]

Response requested:

First Name: Maureen
Last Name: Johnston
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City: Springfield
State: VA
Zip: 22152
Phone: 703-451-6780
Email Address: MaureenJohnston@verizon.net

I am against the proposed \$.50 tax on movie tickets in Alexandria. I was so pleased when the Old Town Theater reopened. I realize it is probably running on a shoestring budget and a tax like this could easily force its closing.

With the large Hoffman Theater and Potomac Yards, the Old Town Theater provides a welcome alternative. It is close to many restaurants and this makes it a desirable choice for an evening of recreation.

Comments:

Although I am not a resident of Alexandria, I started going back to the Old Town restaurants when the Old Town Theater reopened. Prior to its absence, my husband and I would often choose this theater over the large box type theaters. I never thought it would reopen, but I was pleased to see it surface again. I hope that there is still a chance for a small business like this to survive with the other larger competitors.



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Time: [Wed Apr 27, 2005 15:49:59] IP Address: [140.147.145.7]

Response requested:

First Name: Donna
Last Name: Porter
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City: Alexandria
State: Virginia
Zip: 22301
Phone: 0703-548-6107
Email Address: DPorter@crs.loc.gov

Comments: I oppose the 50 cents entertainment and theater tax. It will kill the Old Town theater, which is a real gem in the city. I am so pleased that it has reopened and have been enjoying many films that have been shown there. I am back to checking what films they are showing before I consider going to any other theater in VA, DC or MD.
Please do not implement this tax.

I also oppose this craziness of food being served on the sidewalks of King Street. The space is too limited with all the tourist traffic. If you need to

raise new funds, place a new tax on curbside food service. Hopefully it will kill it.



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Time: [Wed Apr 27, 2005 15:59:41] IP Address: [63.77.136.130]

Response requested:

First Name: Tiffany
Last Name: Hasselman
Street Address: 318 Prince St. #10
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703 836 5538
Email Address: hasselman@malizialaw.com

Comments: Please add my name to the list of local residents who are opposed to Item 27 (the \$0.50 tax increase on the sale of movie and live entertainment tickets). I hope I am not too late to voice my opposition to this proposal. I am thrilled that a movie theater is back in operation on King St. and against any measures that would negatively impact the viability of such business. thank you



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Time: [Wed Apr 27, 2005 16:00:25] IP Address: [63.87.217.30]

Response requested:

First Name: Bob
Last Name: Bowman
Street Address: 277 S. Washington St.
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703-299-8600
Email Address: rbowman8@cox.net

Comments: I truly believe that this \$0.50 tax on tickets and entertainment is not necessary. As the tax would hurt the Old Town Theater and their patrons as well. I am against it. The City should promote business not hinder it. Thanks for your consideration.

Bob Bowman



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Time: [Mon May 02, 2005 13:14:23] IP Address: [64.12.116.71]

Response requested:

First Name: Ramon and Gillian
Last Name: Von Drehle
Street Address: 519 Princess Street
City: Alexandria
State: VA
Zip: 22314
Phone: 703 549 6136
Email Address: rvond2@aol.com

Comments: Re Proposal 27 concerning an additional \$.50 tax on entertainment tickets. I submit that this will encourage people to stay away from Alexandria, rather than attract them, as we should. Can we look for cost savings, instead? For example, what percentage of the City budget goes toward personnel costs? Ramon and Gillian von Drehle

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<fons@mrisc.com>

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Time: [Mon Apr 25, 2005 19:46:52] IP Address: [68.83.220.72]

Response requested: []

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City: Alexandria
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Zip: 22314
Phone: 202-253-6900
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Item 27 on the docket set on April 26th at 7:00pm, which concerns the 50 cent tax on movies and entertainment, will adversely impact the Old Town Theater to the extent of closing or selling the property and forcing the demise of the property for entertainment uses. The tax would be an unfair tax as the price of a ticket would increase ticket prices at least \$1.00 depending on the release date of the feature movies as the Theater pays a

percentage of the gate to the major studios that ranges from 35-90 percent.

The increase overhead to from 15-63 percent of the Theater's bottom line profits and increases ticket prices to above the local competition. Therefore, with the costs to do business rising to this adverse of an expense the Theater can not survive in this market. The thrust of the reclamation of the vital King Street Retail Strategy would have to do so without the presents of the Old Town Theater, the property must seek an occupancy that would more suit the use of the building.

Comments:

I, therefore, am requesting the City of Alexandria, to reconsider it's position on the taxing of entertainment to include live and projected venues, as this entertainment brings to the local businesses an average of 1,000 to 2,500 patrons per week. Losing that many visitors as well as servicing the local communities would not be a beneficial to the City of Alexandria's future.

I remain the owner of the Old Town Theater, for now,

Roger D. Fons