


City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 5, 2011

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION DISCOURAGING SMOKING IN,
PUBLIC PARKS, ON PLAYGROUNDS AND IN CITY-OWNED BUS
SHELTERS IN ALEXANDRIA

ISSUE: Consideration of Resolution discouraging smoking in public parks, on playgrounds and in bus shelters in Alexandria.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council defer this item to the Tuesday, May 24 legislative meeting.

DISCUSSION: At its April 26 legislative meeting City Council discussed the resolution adopted by the Alexandria Public Health Advisory Commission urging Council to authorize placement of signs discouraging smoking in public parks, playgrounds and in and around City-owned bus shelters in Alexandria. We have found that we need additional time to work out some of the details of the proposed signs and their installation and recommend that this item be deferred to the Tuesday, May 24 legislative meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Health Department has funds available for the proposed signs, and we are able to reserve those funds so that it is possible to defer this item.

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Gloria Sitton

(item deferred)

From: Jackie Henderson
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 11:05 AM
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Subject: Fw: Concerning the Smoking Resolution, Item #20 on tonight's docket

Jackie Henderson
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Subject: Concerning the Smoking Resolution, Item #20 on tonight's docket

Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Donley and members of the Council:

Regarding Item #20 on tonight's docket, "Consideration of a Resolution Recommending that the City Post Signage Recommending that Individuals Refrain from Smoking in City Parks and Bus Shelters"

So we are going to spend money to increase the permanent visual clutter with a message that is currently not enforceable and may actually encourage escalation in confrontations between smokers and non-smokers?

Are we going to see permanent city signs recommending that individuals cough and sneeze into their elbow?

I suggest that instead of a single message sign, you install electronic message boards as there are many recommended behaviors for personal health and for the consideration of others.

We could then have the daily recommendation on how to be a good, considerate, healthy citizen in the City of Alexandria.

Please vote no on the resolution.

Sincerely,
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