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*City of Alexandria, Virginia*

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 25, 2005  
TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER   
SUBJECT: BUDGET MEMO # 107 : FUNDING FOR THE "NEW" FIRE STATION

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This memorandum is in response to Councilman Macdonald's question: "Why aren't developers footing the bill for the "new" Cameron Run Valley fire station? Can we make use of development proffers, etc".

A total of \$3.6 million over two years (\$0.6 million in FY 2006 and \$3.0 million in FY 2007) has been proposed in the FY 2006 - FY 2011 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for the design and land acquisition required for a new fire station (construction costs and not a yet included in these numbers). In FY 2005, a comprehensive needs study was initiated to determine the need for a new fire station location in the City focusing primarily on Eisenhower Valley. This study is a multi-phase project to study response times and service requirements based on established standards with a goal to construct a new facility starting in FY 2007. An exact location for the new fire station and the cost to construct the facility cannot be determined until the needs study has been completed. Once the study is completed and a location is determined, the funds budgeted for this project in the CIP will need to be increased in a future CIP.

Developers, in all likelihood, would not likely fully or partially want to fund the construction of this facility because the new fire station will provide emergency services not only to new development in the Eisenhower Valley but will also serve existing development in that area, as well as the entire City. In other words, a new fire station will not only benefit and serve the residents and businesses in the Eisenhower Valley area but the whole City as well. In addition, the Eisenhower East Plan and the new CDD Districts in the Eisenhower Valley area do not include the expectation of paying for a fire station would be difficult to achieve now unless there was density added above and beyond what is contemplated in that plan. Adding more density for the sole purpose of paying for a fire station is not something the City would likely want to consider.