

MOTION:

**July 18, 2017
Regular Meeting
Res. No. 17-**

SECOND:

RE: SUPPORT FOR THE TOWN OF OCCOQUAN'S PARTICIPATION IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ARTS AND CULTURAL DISTRICT BETWEEN THE TOWN AND FAIRFAX COUNTY, TO INCLUDE PROPERTY WITHIN EACH OF THOSE JURISDICTIONS AND PROPERTY OWNED BY THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

ACTION:

WHEREAS, during its 2017 session the Virginia General Assembly passed and the Governor signed into law HB 1486 and SB 1225, which provided that arts and cultural districts may be created jointly by two or more localities; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Occoquan, the Workhouse Arts Foundation, and the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority have a shared desire to form an Arts and Cultural District for the purpose of calling attention to the region as a cohesive and connected district with a shared history and a shared love of arts and culture; and

WHEREAS, this Arts and Cultural District will be a destination of choice for residents and visitors from throughout the region and across the nation, providing a broad array of arts and cultural experiences unique to the district; and

WHEREAS, residents and businesses within the district and in the surrounding community will benefit from the sense of place resulting from this collaborative approach to bolstering the awareness of the numerous arts, cultural and historic attractions in the district; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the Arts and Cultural District will be created by substantially similar ordinances passed by the Town of Occoquan and Fairfax County, as required by Section 15.2-1129.1 of the Code of Virginia, annotated; and

WHEREAS, the enabling legislation provides that localities that create arts and cultural districts may also provide tax incentives and regulatory flexibility within the confines of the district;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors does hereby express its support for the Town of Occoquan's participation in the establishment of an Arts and Cultural District between the Town and Fairfax County, to include property within each of those jurisdictions and property owned by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board's support does not constitute participation in the creation of the District, nor does it obligate the County to provide tax incentives or regulatory flexibility without future consideration and adoption by the Board.

Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:

Absent from Meeting:

ATTEST: _____
Clerk to the Board