

MOTION:

**May 4, 2021
Regular Meeting
Ord. No. 21-**

SECOND:

RE: COUNTY CODE AMENDMENT #DPA2017-00007, PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS – COUNTYWIDE

ACTION:

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2016, the Prince William Board of County Supervisors in Resolution Number (Res. No.) 16-730 initiated an amendment to the County Code to create a Purchase of Development Rights Program; and

WHEREAS, the proposed County Code amendment creates a Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) program to sever residential density from eligible properties in the Rural Area through a voluntary process for permanently conserving agricultural and forestry uses of lands and preserving rural open spaces, historic and cultural landscapes, and natural and scenic resources; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, July 30, and September 24, 2019, the Planning Office held public meetings to discuss the proposed PDR ordinance and program as well as other recommendations from the Rural Area Preservation Study; and

WHEREAS, on October 23, November 13, and December 2, 2020, the Planning Commission held work sessions for the PDR ordinance and program at which time the draft County Code amendment was available for public review and input; and

WHEREAS, the Prince William County Planning Commission held a public hearing on County Code Amendment #DPA 2017-00007 on March 17, 2021, recommending approval as stated in Res. No. 21-029; and

WHEREAS, the Prince William County Board of County Supervisors duly ordered, advertised, and held a public hearing on May 4, 2021, at which time all interested members of the public were heard and the merits of the above-referenced County Code amendment were considered; and

WHEREAS, amending the County Code for the above-referenced issue is authorized under Section 10.1-1700 *et seq.* of the Code of Virginia, Ann.; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that adoption of this ordinance secures and promotes the health, safety, and general welfare of the County and its inhabitants;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby adopts County Code Amendment #DPA2017-00007, Purchase of Development Rights.

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ATTACHMENT: Text Amendment

Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:

Absent from Meeting:

ATTEST: _____

Clerk to the Board