

MOTION: PRINCIPI

February 23, 2016

SECOND: JENKINS

Regular Meeting

Res. No. 16-307

RE: REQUEST THE CLERK OF COURT AND THE SHERIFF TO IMMEDIATELY CEASE COLLECTING ALL FEES THAT ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THE ISSUANCE OF THE CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT AND APPROPRIATION OF \$250,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2016 AND FISCAL YEAR 2017-2021 TO REDUCE MENTAL HEALTH WAIT LISTS

ACTION: FAILED

WHEREAS, the right to bear arms is our inalienable right as citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the right is enshrined in the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the law abiding residents of Prince William County should not be required to pay a fee for the ability to exercise their constitutional right; and

WHEREAS, well qualified Prince William County residents who apply for a concealed handgun permit and pass the existing state background checks and meet the existing state statutory requirements for the issuances of the permit shall be granted this permit free of any fee; and

WHEREAS, Prince William County is currently tasked with the collection of all fees associated with the issuance of the concealed handgun permit; and

WHEREAS, Prince William County has collected to date, \$86,151 in concealed handgun permit fees, which is \$11,151 in excess of the budgeted amount currently in the FY2016 budget of the Sherriff's Office for this fee; and

WHEREAS, accordingly there are no unanticipated fiscal impacted for FY2016; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of fees associated with the issuance of a concealed handgun permit will remove a current barrier for Prince William County residents in the exercise of their rights; and

WHEREAS, a presentation from Alan Wooten, Executive Director of Prince William County Community Services, on December 9, 2015 highlighted that considerable mental health wait list lengths and times remain Mr. Wooten's presentation included a proposed staffing plan required to eliminate said wait list lengths and times; and

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WHEREAS, Acting County Executive, Christopher Martino's Proposed FY2017-2021 budget includes funding for new staff to address wait list lengths and time for adult mental health outpatient services and intellectually disable individuals and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed FY2017-2021 budget does not address wait list lengths and times for youth outpatient services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors does hereby request the Clerk of Court and the Sheriff to immediately cease collecting all fees that are associated with the issuances of the concealed handgun permit;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors does hereby authorize the incorporation of an additional annual investment of \$250,000 in the Fiscal Year 2017 thru Fiscal Year 2021 budget in order to further shorten and/or eliminate mental health wait list lengths and times in accordance with Mr. Wooten's proposed plan as outlined in the December 9, 2015 presentation.

Votes:

Ayes: Jenkins, Nohe, Principi

Nays: Anderson, Caddigan, Candland, Lawson, Stewart

Absent from Vote: None

Absent from Meeting: None

ATTEST: _____


Clerk to the Board