

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Resolution on Sign Regulations

January 9, 2008

Whereas, the Board of Supervisors several years ago appointed a special ad hoc task force to recommend actions to control the proliferation of visually objectionable signage in the county; and

Whereas, some two years later the task force was re-empanelled to again examine the issue and present its recommendations; and

Whereas, in its last several Annual Reports on the Environment EQAC has strongly recommended adoption of and action on the recommendations of the taskforce as well as proposing several additional specific actions; and

Whereas, to date no action has been taken to implement any of these various recommendations; and

Whereas, there have been recent negotiations between the county and VDOT that could lead to an agreement broadly empowering the county to remove or sanction signage illegally placed in VDOT rights-of-way; and

Whereas, the county already has the power to remove and/or sanction signs that are posted outside of the VDOT rights-of-way; now therefore

Be it resolved, that EQAC urgently requests the Board of Supervisors to initiate action to adopt the earlier task force and EQAC recommendations and to incorporate them, as appropriate, into the Ordinances governing the county, and

Be it further resolved, that the negotiations with VDOT regarding empowerment of the county to deal vigorously with improperly placed signage in VDOT rights-of-way be brought to an early and successful conclusion; and

Be it finally resolved, that EQAC believes rigorous application of civil penalties will lead to better compliance with enacted ordinances.