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## **Joint Board Matter**

**Chairman Bulova**  
**Supervisor McKay**  
**Supervisor Hyland**

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Madam Chairman- In December 2007, Supervisor Dana Kauffman brought forward a Board Matter on illegal signs in the VDOT right-of-way. This has been a topic of considerable discussion among Board members. Recently, the South County Federation sent a letter requesting that Fairfax County enter into an agreement with the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner to remove illegal signs in accordance with Virginia Code Section 33.1-375.1(D).

As Supervisor Kauffman pointed out, "Fairfax County's authority to enter into an agreement with the Commissioner is under a completely different section of the code [Section 33.1-375.1(A-C)] and we are the only locality in the state where signs and advertising erected for no more than 3 days are not subject to the agreement. The three-day specification for Fairfax County is significant and has caused our staff to recommend a sign removal pilot program that makes removal far more difficult than it is in any other locality in the state or even for VDOT themselves. If VDOT were to enforce their own rules with more vigor, the three day limitation would not apply. And, if the county enters into an

agreement to remove the signs for VDOT, then we should be able to keep the entire fine collected, not only half.”

Bills introduced by our State Representatives were killed in the House Appropriations Committee last year. While this is progress, the residents of Fairfax County deserve better than a law that unfairly discriminates against the jurisdiction with the largest population. We need to continue to raise awareness of this issue and make sure the General Assembly does the right thing for Fairfax and our residents.

Therefore Madam Chairman- we move that we again refer this to our Legislative Committee and explore an amendment that would give Fairfax County the same enforcement and collections authority other jurisdictions enjoy.