

Response to Questions on the FY 2005 Advertised Budget Plan

Request By: Supervisors Bulova and Hyland

Question: What options exist to reduce the costs associated with establishing community parking districts (CPDs)? Is there a requirement to install signage designating an area as a community parking district?

Response: The Department of Transportation has identified four options to reduce costs associated with establishing CPDs. They are as follows:

1. Increase the spacing between signs. (NOTE: Currently the spacing is 100' – 200'. This requirement was provided by the Police Department as a result of direction by the Fairfax County courts. In order to increase the spacing, the Police Department and the courts would have to agree to the increase.)
2. Place CPD signs only at the entrances to communities, such as has been done in Prince William County. (NOTE: The note in option 1 would apply to this option as well.)
3. Declare that CPD restrictions would apply to all residential roadways in Fairfax County.
4. Eliminate the Community Parking District (CPD) program.

There is no requirement in the state enabling legislation, nor is there County legislation that speaks to signage requirements. It is extremely doubtful, however, that the courts would uphold any citations given without signs. Normally, where certain areas have prohibitions not normally found in the jurisdiction (i.e., No Parking zones), the courts would require that the public be adequately advised of the prohibitions. Additionally, it would be very difficult for the Police to enforce CPD restrictions without signs to advise them where CPD prohibitions are in effect.