

March 24, 2020



Dear Neighbors,

Yesterday the Board of Supervisors (BOS) met for an abbreviated session, with appropriate social distancing, to **address critical County issues**. Just like you, we are all adjusting our daily lives to **respond to the COVID-19 pandemic** and **support our residents and businesses**. During the meeting, we announced:

- **Extended deadlines for Personal Property Taxes** until June 1, 2020, and **Real Estate Taxes** until August 28, 2020.
- **All County parks and amenities** will be **closed until further notice**, **except walking trails**.
- **All County buildings will be closed to the public** starting Friday, March 27 at 5 p.m. The **County government remains open for business** online, by phone and mail. See our **Assistance from a Distance** webpage for more information.

The Board took actions at the meeting to ensure continuity of government and its services. The first action item addressed by the BOS was to adopt a **policy to permit Board members to participate in meetings electronically** from remote locations. This policy has been discussed by the Board previously, but this is the **first time it has become necessary**. Allowing Board members to participate electronically is just another **tool we will use** to keep the **important business of the County** government moving forward.

The Board also approved an ordinance to **permit the entire Board to meet electronically**, should it be unsafe or impractical to meeting in-person, to address matters related to the **continuity of the County Government**. The Board is committed to **supporting our residents and businesses in this challenging time**.

Respectfully yours in public service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Storck'.

Dan Storck
Supervisor, Mount Vernon District
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

The following are **highlights from the Board of Supervisors March 24, 2020 meeting**, including items of particular interest to Mount Vernon residents. For additional information, please go to the [County's Board Agenda and Meeting Schedule](#). You may listen to highlights from the Board meeting on your computer or listen directly on iTunes. Subscribe to the podcast, or choose a program and listen in.

All presentations and recognitions were postponed.

Action Items

Item 1: Adopt a written **policy allowing for and governing** participation by electronic communication means. *The full item can be read on pages 5 - 9 of the Board Package.*

Item 2: Adopted an ordinance to establish methods to **assure continuity of Fairfax County government** during the Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-10) emergency. The ordinance establishes that the Board of Supervisors will follow FOIA's usual procedures (including the provisions of its electronic meeting policy) whenever possible. If, in the Chairman's judgment, it is **unsafe to assemble a physical quorum, a fully electronic meeting may be held** in accordance with FOIA's existing provisions to address the emergency itself. If the Chairman determines that any meeting is being conducted for the purpose of **assuring continuity in Fairfax County government** and the usual procedures cannot be implemented safely or practically, then the ordinance provides a method for **conducting an electronic meeting** to address matters related to the continuity of the County Government. For any **matter that requires a public hearing**, the Board would allow the **receipt of public comment by written or electronic communication** rather than in-person testimony. *The full item can be read on pages 10 - 17 of the Board Package.*

Administrative Items

Authorized Public Hearings:

- Amend the **current appropriation level** in the **FY 2020 Revised Budget Plan**.
 - Consider adopting an ordinance to **establish an Admissions Tax**.
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Action Items

Item 7: Approved the **annual Disease Carrying Insects Program**. *The full item can be read on pages 225 - 279 of the Board Package.*

Public Hearings

McDonald's USA, LLC PCA 87-V -064-03 & SEA 94-V -030

Amend proffers and conditions associated with RZ 87-V-064, request to **renovate and modernize an existing restaurant** with a drive through on **Richmond Highway in Lorton**. Deferred to **April 14, 2020** at 2:30 p.m. *The full item can be read on pages 222 - 223 of the Board Package.*

Relocate the Polling Places for the Lorton Precinct in the Mount Vernon District

Adopted an ordinance to **move the polling place for the Lorton precinct** from the Lorton Library located at 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton, **to the Lorton Station Elementary School**, 9298 Lewis Chapel Road, Lorton, where it will be **colocated with the Lorton Station precinct**. The current polling place, Lorton Library, will be closing for renovation on April 11, 2020. The polling place for Lorton precinct is **expected to return to the Lorton Library when it reopens in 2021**. *The full item can be read on pages 225 - 248 of the Board Package.*

Upcoming Land Use Cases

Planning Commission meetings have been **cancelled through April 1**.
Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) meetings have been **cancelled through April 30**.

COVID-19 Updates

Inova Updates

Starting Wednesday, March 25, Inova Urgent Care (UCC) locations at [Dulles South](#), [North Arlington](#), and [Tysons](#) will staff Respiratory Illness Clinics to **evaluate all patients with respiratory illness symptoms**. The three clinics will also be able to **collect samples for COVID-19 testing via physician ordered vehicle-side appointments**.

Before visiting any Inova Respiratory Illness Clinic, take the following steps:

- Contact your **regular physician for evaluation**. For assistance with recommendations, to arrange for a physician appointment, or **if you do not have a primary care physician**, call 1-855-IMG-DOCS.
- Your regular physician can evaluate your symptoms to **determine if testing is needed** based on COVID-19 testing criteria and **provide a testing order**, or **refer you to the Inova Respiratory Illness Clinic** for evaluation.
- Upon arrival at the Inova Respiratory Illness Clinic, a clinician will **greet the patient at their vehicle** to collect samples for a physician-ordered test, or **escort the patient into the respiratory clinic for evaluation**.
- For patients who undergo COVID-19 testing, a UCC nurse will **contact those whose results are negative**. For patients with **positive results, a UCC nurse will coordinate with the patient's regular physician** for notification and further instructions. Patients who are tested can **expect results in roughly 4-7 days**.

[Read more on Inova's response to COVID-19...](#)

Resources

Fairfax County Health Department

- To view the **number of cases in Fairfax County** [this page](#) is updated at noon daily.
- Visit the [County site on COVID-19](#), [Health Department Website](#), and see their [FAQs](#).
- Sign up for **text message alerts**: text FFXCOVID to 888777
- Call the Health Department from 9:30 am - 9 pm weekdays and 9:30 am - 5 pm on weekends: 703-267-3511
- Email: ffxcovid@fairfaxcounty.gov. This account will be staffed Monday through Friday, 8 am - 8 pm.

Inova has a helpful [FAQ](#).

2020 U.S. Census

The 2020 U.S. Census has begun! You have or will receive your invitation to respond any day now. **Please take the time to complete the census.** Future federal funding is determined by the census and it is very important everyone living in your home on April 1 is counted. For every person not counted, the County **could lose \$12,000 in potential funding** over the next 10 years. [Learn more...](#)



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