

Update to Fairfax County's Resident Cut-Through Permit Program

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Background

2019	The General Assembly authorized Fairfax County to create a new resident permit program		
July 2023	 Proposed program policies and procedures Draft ordinance development 		
February 2024	 Proposed program implementation and funding needs 		

Cut-Through Mitigation Program



Existing VDOT/FCDOT Cut-Through Mitigation Program offers relief to residential communities impacted by cut-through traffic



Access to neighborhood streets is restricted by prohibiting turns during specific times of day

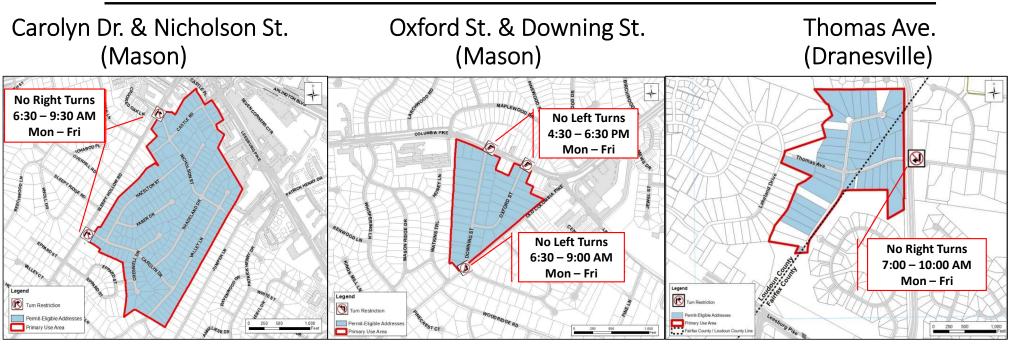


Proposed permits would allow residents to access restricted neighborhood streets





Cut-Through Mitigation Restrictions



- Residents of three communities with existing cut-through restrictions could initially be eligible to apply for permits
- Three additional communities are actively in the process for new restrictions, and four communities are currently on hold

Requested Cut-Through Mitigation Projects



Weirich Road/Starlit Ponds Drive	Braddock	In Process
Old Hickory Road / Elizabeth Lane	Braddock	On Hold/Inactive
Dead Run Drive/Carper Street	Dranesville	In Process
Thomas Avenue (PM Restriction)	Dranesville	On Hold/Inactive
Allen Avenue	Mason	In Process
Overlook Street/Hilltop Avenue/Williams Avenue/Central Avenue/ Idylwood Road	Providence	On Hold/Inactive
Hidden Meadow Drive	Sully	On Hold/Inactive

Proposed Program Development Steps

- New County Ordinance drafted and under review
- Program Policies and Procedures drafted and under review
- Permit administration software by vendor
- Miscellaneous administrative
 - Update information access agreements with Virginia DMV
 - Update VDOT sign permit

Permit Administration by Vendor

Department of Tax Administration contract vendor

• New strategy under consideration



- Vendor provides permit management, fulfilment, and payment processing
- Processing fee of \$3 for each permit payment processed
- Decal and mailing fee for each permit issued amount to be determined
- Vendor would retain fees and remit remainder to County for each permit issued

		Annual Permit Fee			
		1st	2nd	3rd	4th or more
Jurisdiction	Program	permit	permit	permit	permits
Fairfax County	RPPD	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fairfax City	RPPD	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
City of Falls Church	RPPD	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Town of Herndon	RPPD	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5
Town of Leesburg	RPPD	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5
Loudoun County	RPPD	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10
Montgomery County, MD	RPPD	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20
City of Manassas	RPPD	\$25	\$25	-	-
City of Alexandria	RPPD	\$40	\$50	\$150	\$150
Arlington County	RPPD	\$40	\$55	\$65	\$150
District of Columbia	RPPD	\$50	\$75	\$100	\$150
Average Fee for Resident Petition and Permits		\$24	\$31	\$44	\$61

Proposed fee for Cut-Through permits is \$25 based on average regional fee.

Potential Program Revenue

Number of	Status	Permit Fee	Number of Permits per Address		
Addresses	ddresses		1	2	3
355	Eligible When Program Begins	\$25	\$ 8,875	\$ 17,750	\$ 26,625
412	In-Process; Eligible if Approved	\$25	\$ 10,300	\$ 20,600	\$ 30,900
555	On-Hold; Eligible if Approved	\$25	\$ 13,875	\$ 27,750	\$ 41,625
Possible Revenue with All Projects Implemented			\$ 33,051	\$ 66,102	\$ 99,153

* Revenue estimates are gross revenue, and do not include the fees retained by vendor for permit production, mailing, or payment processing.

Jurisdiction Cut-Through Review

Jurisdiction	Turn Restrictions	Resident Permit	Notes
City of Falls Church	Yes	Yes	There are three streets with turn restrictions in the City of Falls Church. Residents of eight connected streets can obtain a "drive through permit" from the police department.
Town of Herndon	Yes	No	The Town has streets marked "Do Not Enter" at certain times of day. Town does not issue permits, but residents are allowed to make the turn without a permit.
City of Alexandria	Yes	No	The City has numerous restrictions. They do not offer permits.
Fairfax City	Yes	No	The City has six restrictions in commercial areas. They do not offer permits.
Town of Vienna	Yes	No	The Town has five existing restrictions. They no longer implement turn restrictions. They do not offer permits.
Arlington County	No	N/A	Arlington County has a Complete Streets focus for all roads in the county. They do not implement turn restrictions.
City of Richmond	No	N/A	The City of Richmond has a comprehensive neighborhood streets safety plan. They do not implement turn restrictions.

Board Questions and Guidance



Does the Board have any specific guidance regarding the potential implementation of this program?