

Date of Meeting: July 12, 2013

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TRANSPORTATION LAND USE COMMITTEE
INFORMATION ITEM**

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SUBJECT: Proposed Amendments to Chapter 808, Dog Kennels and Section 5-606 of the Revised 1993 Loudoun County Zoning Ordinance, Kennels/Indoor Kennels

ELECTORAL DISTRICT: Countywide

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BACKGROUND:

Consistent with the Board of Supervisors (Board) Strategic Plan to review ordinances regarding kennels, staff is in the process of preparing proposals to abolish the Codified Ordinance Chapter 808, Dog Kennels and, amending Codified Ordinance Chapter 612 and Section 5-606 of the Revised 1993 Loudoun County Zoning Ordinance, Kennels/Indoor Kennels. These proposed amendments are intended to align Chapter 612 of the Codified Ordinance and Section 5-606 with the Code of Virginia's definition for "Kennel" and set forth all applicable requirements and provisions associated with this definition.

The following provides the Transportation and Land Use Committee (TLUC) with a tentative plan and schedule for addressing both of these ordinances:

- 1) The Department of Animal Services, upon consultation with the Animal Advisory Committee, is preparing a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to abolish Chapter 808 and amend Chapter 612 to create a county administrative process for issuing kennel permits. The purpose of these amendments is to synchronize this ordinance with the state code and streamline the current bifurcated permitting and special exception process. Staff anticipates that these amendments will provide a clearer pathway for County residents applying to obtain a Kennel Permit. Staff anticipates that the ordinance revisions to Chapter 612 will be ready for review by the TLUC no later than October 2013.
- 2) The Department of Building and Development, Zoning Administration will review and make recommendations to Section 5-606, Kennel/Indoor Kennels of the Revised 1993 Loudoun County Zoning Ordinance consistent with the proposed amendments to Chapter 808, Dog Kennels. It is the intent of zoning staff to begin these amendments at the conclusion of the Brewery ZOAM as currently scheduled within the Board's strategic plan and have these amendments available for the TLUC to review in early/mid 2014.

Staff will be available to answer questions.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to these revisions.