



Town of Leesburg 2018 Legislative Agenda

1 (Issues are not arranged in priority order)
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3 **A. County Billing and Collecting of Town Taxes and Vehicle License Fees**

4 The Town Council requests that Virginia Code § 58.1-3910 be amended to enable the County
5 Treasurer to collect delinquent real estate and personal property taxes and vehicle license fees in
6 addition to current taxes and fees and to enable the Town to compensate the Treasurer for this
7 service.
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9 **B. Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drones) on Public Lands**

10 The Town Council requests that Virginia Code 15.2-926.3 be amended to clarify that the Town
11 has the ability to regulate the use of its public lands, including parks, as it relates to the launching
12 and retrieving of unmanned aircraft systems (drones).
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14 **C. City Status**

15 The Town Council requests amendment of Virginia Code Section 15.2-3201 and Section 15.2-
16 3800 to eliminate restrictions on the granting of city charters to towns with populations more
17 than 40,000.
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19 **D. State Maintenance Funds for Roadway Paving**

20 The Town Council requests that the Virginia Department of Transportation continue funding
21 road maintenance through the two programs established to help localities with roadway
22 maintenance, the Revenue Sharing maintenance program and the State of Good Repair program.
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24 **E. Dam Safety Funding and Regulations**

25 The Town Council urges the federal government and the Commonwealth of Virginia to provide
26 adequate funding for high hazard dam inspection, maintenance, and reconstruction.
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28 **F. Wireless Communication Facility Placement**

29 The Town Council opposes any legislation that limits the Town's authority to regulate the
30 placement of wireless communication facilities in Town right of way and on Town-owned
31 facilities.
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33 **G. Repeal or amendments to Va. Code § 15.2-2303.4 to allow residential rezonings to include
34 voluntary proffers**

35 Repeal or amend 15.2-2303.4 to support existing local authority to accept cash and in-kind
36 proffers from developers to assist the Town in financing the capital facilities and infrastructure
37 needed to serve new residential development and oppose legislation to eliminate or restrict that
38 authority.
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40 *or in the alternative,*
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42 Requests the General Assembly appoint a committee to study the new legislation to recommend
43 future amendments to address unintended consequences resulting from the 2016 amendments.
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- 45 **H. Business, Professional and Occupational License (BPOL) Taxes**
46 The Town Council opposes legislation that would eliminate the BPOL tax, unless current
47 revenue from the BPOL tax is replaced with new local revenue that is distributed directly to each
48 locality based on point of sale. Further, the Town Council requests that if the BPOL tax is
49 eliminated, localities be granted the authority to issue an annual license to businesses physically
50 located within the locality for a nominal fee.
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- 52 **I. Water Quality Funding**
53 The Town Council urges the federal government and the Commonwealth of Virginia to provide
54 adequate funding for capital improvements for sewage treatment plants, Total Maximum Daily
55 Loads (TMDLs) requirements, MS-4 Permits, and other stormwater systems.
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- 57 **J. Bills of Financial Impact to the Town**
58 Reinstating the requirement that bills resulting in a net expenditure and/or net decrease in revenue
59 for local governments be filed on or before the first day the legislature convenes.
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- 61 **K. Procurement**
62 Supports the Virginia Association of Government Purchasing's position to re-establish
63 authority for cooperative purchasing for construction contracts under \$200,000.
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- 65 **L. Chesapeake Bay TMDL and State Water Quality Management Planning Regulation**
66 The Town Council supports the Virginia Municipal Wastewater Association's position
67 opposing revision of existing nutrient allocation of dischargers (local governments, authorities
68 and industrial facilities) for the purpose of transferring allocation to new facilities.