



AGENDA TOWN/COUNTY LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING

Board Room – Warren County Government Center, 220
North Commerce Avenue

Thursday, October 17, 2024, at 6:00 PM



1. Call to Order – Board of Supervisors – Chair, Cheryl Cullers

2. Property Maintenance Code – County

- David Beahm will discuss the flow chart regarding Housing Violations and the process from incident to complaint etc.

3. Increase in Solid Waste Tipping Fees- Town

- Discussion on how to better communicate with increases in fees affecting both Town and County citizens.

4. Vape Shops – Town

- Council to give an update on what they have learned and how to move forward.

5. Transportation Subcommittee Update – Town

- Representative from the subcommittee to give an update.

6. Regional Shooting Range Facility – County

- Mr. Waltz suggested a joint shooting range with the Warren County Sheriff's Office and Front Royal Police Department

7. Town/County/School Communications – Town/County

- Discussion on how communications could be better handled with projects that affect all three organizations in the Community.

8. Water Usage Outside Town Limits During Town Water Conservation – Town

- Discuss how water conservation should be handled in the County when the Town is under Voluntary, Mandatory, or Emergency Water Restrictions since some County customers use Town Water.

9. Healthcare Resolution Next Steps – Town

- Discussion of next steps , since both entities approved resolutions

10. Tourism – County

- Discussion on upcoming County Tourism Committee

Next Meeting – Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers at Town Hall

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING ADDITIONAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND SERVICES
FOR THE TOWN OF FRONT ROYAL AND WARREN COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Front Royal ("Town Council") values the health and welfare of its citizens and recognizes the growing need for locally accessible, affordable, and timely healthcare.

WHEREAS, Town Council acknowledge citizen's concerns about the lacking certain medical services, long wait times, billing/coverage/expense related issues, and burdensome travel to access care outside of Front Royal/Warren County.

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes, a United States 501 (c)3 non-profit that works to improve the health of mothers and babies, recognized as an expert on matters pertaining to said health of mothers and babies, has now identified portions of the Shenandoah Valley as being a "maternity desert" (<https://www.vpm.org/news/2Q24-06-26/page-county-virginia-maternity-pregnancy-care-desert-shenandoah-valley>); this by definition means women and babies are at an increased risk, this Town Council recognizes the need for services in Front Royal/Warren County. In consideration of the removal of women's care in 2018, and that there is no known proposal to reintroduce women's care, Town Council acknowledges the need for options to ensure the needs of our women and babies are adequately met.

WHEREAS, Town Council recognizes that our lack of certain medical services is resulting in higher frequency of medical transport to facilities outside of our area; Town Council acknowledges that medical transport comes with additional risk and expense.

WHEREAS, data provided by Weldon Cooper as of January 2024 shows the post-pandemic increase in remote work has resulted in migration out of Northern Virginia and into rural neighboring communities, (<https://www.coopercenter.org/research/amid-slow-population-growth-virginias-demographic-landscape-being-transformed>) Town Council acknowledges the need for medical services will continue to grow as Town population, and the population of neighboring counties, increases.

WHEREAS, the process by which to obtain a COPN is expensive and time consuming, Town Council wishes to assert their intention of welcoming new healthcare services into the community.

WHEREAS, Front Royal/Warren County is ideally situated in the Shenandoah Valley at the intersection of two major highways (66 East/West and 81 North/South) and multiple byways (route 340, route 522, and route 55); this Town Council believes our prime location would strategically draw patients from neighboring rural communities to help serve their healthcare needs as well.

WHEREAS, Town Council recognizes that removing barriers to care has been proven to result in better health outcomes long term and that expanding local healthcare opportunities would be beneficial to our citizens and community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Front Royal, Virginia that the Town desires to expand the medical care available in Front Royal/Warren County, and healthcare service providers are encouraged to begin the process of locating in our community.

APPROVED: Lori A. Cockrell
Lori A. Cockrell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tina L. Presley
Tina L. Presley, Clerk of Council

This Resolution was approved at the Regular Meeting of the Town of Front Royal, Virginia Town Council conducted on September 23, 2024 upon the following recorded vote:

R. Wayne Sealock
Joshua L. Ingram
Amber F. Morris

☒ Yes ☐ No
☒ Yes ☐ No
☒ Yes ☐ No

H. Bruce Rappaport
Melissa DeDomenico-Payne
Glenn A. Wood

☒ Yes ☐ No
☒ Yes ☐ No
☒ Yes ☐ No

Approved as to Form and Legality:

George M. Sonnett, Jr.
George M. Sonnett, Jr., Town Attorney

Dated: 09-23-2024

A. *Definitions; Equations.*

1. *Definitions.* For the purpose of this Article, the following definitions shall apply:

CFS - Cubic Feet per Second.

- B. *Voluntary Water Conservation:* Whenever the fourteen-day average stream flow of the South Fork of the Shenandoah River, measured from Point 0163100 (South Fork of the Shenandoah River at Front Royal: latitude 384150; longitude 0781240), drops below four hundred (400) CFS, the Front Royal Town Manager shall declare voluntary water conservation measures to be in effect. The Town Manager, through appropriate means, shall inform the public to voluntarily conserve water. During periods of voluntary water conservation, all users of the Front Royal municipal water system are requested to cease the following:

1. The watering of shrubbery, trees, lawns, grass, plants, or any other vegetation from Town water supplies (except indoor plantings, greenhouse and commercial nursery stocks, and new plantings less than one (1) year old) between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
2. The outdoor washing of automobiles, trucks, trailers, boats, airplanes, or other types of mobile equipment between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m, except from a bucket or other container not exceeding three (3) gallons or at a commercial vehicle wash facility.
3. The washing of private streets, driveways, parking lots, service station grounds, or other paved outdoor surfaces between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
4. The operation of any ornamental fountain, unless the water is recycled.
5. The filling of swimming and/or wading pools, except that filled pools may be topped off to maintain the appropriate levels for use.
6. Serving drinking water in restaurants, except upon request.

- C. *Mandatory Water Conservation:* Whenever the fourteen-day average stream flow of the South Fork of the Shenandoah River, measured from Point 01631000, drops below three hundred forty (340) CFS, the Front Royal Town Manager shall declare an emergency exists and declare mandatory water conservation measures to be in effect and shall implement enforcement thereof. The Town Manager shall notify the Department of Environmental Quality that mandatory conservation measures have been imposed. During periods of mandatory water conservation, all users of Front Royal municipal water system shall be prohibited from the following:

1. The watering of shrubbery, trees, lawns, grass, plants, or any other vegetation from Town water supplies, (except indoor plantings, greenhouse and commercial nursery stocks, and new plantings less than one (1) year old) between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
2. The outdoor washing of automobiles, trucks, trailers, boats, airplanes, or other types of mobile equipment, except in a commercial vehicle wash facility.

3. The washing of private streets, driveways, parking lots, service station grounds, or other paved outdoor surfaces.
 4. The operation of any ornamental fountains, unless the water is recycled. Municipal ornamental fountains shall be cleaned and closed within two (2) days of the Mandatory Water Conservation restriction declaration.
 5. The filling of swimming and/or wading pools, except that filled pools may be topped off to maintain the appropriate levels for use.
- D. *Emergency Water Conservation:* Whenever the fourteen-day average stream flow of the South Fork of the Shenandoah River, measured from Point 01631000, drops below two hundred forty (240) CFS, the Front Royal Town Manager shall declare an emergency exists and declare emergency water conservation to be in effect and shall implement enforcement thereof. During periods of emergency water conservation, all users of the Front Royal municipal water system shall be prohibited from the following:
1. The watering of shrubbery, trees, lawns, grass, plants, or any other vegetation from Town water supplies (except indoor plantings, greenhouse and commercial nursery stocks) at any time through the use of a hose and/or sprinkler system. This time restriction prohibition shall not apply when individuals are watering plantings through the use of recycled household water.
 2. The outdoor washing of automobiles, trucks, trailers, boats, airplanes, or other types of mobile equipment except in a commercial vehicle wash facility.
 3. The washing of all streets, driveways, parking lots, service station grounds, office buildings, home of apartment exterior or other outdoor surfaces, including windows. Restaurants and other food preparation type businesses shall be allowed to wash their exterior garbage cans/dumpsters three (3) days per week, on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays the Town Manager may authorize exterior washings for specific purposes whenever the health or safety of the public may be affected.
 4. The operation of all ornamental fountains.
 5. The filling of swimming and/or wading pools.
 6. All residential and recreational outdoor use shall be prohibited, unless an exception is otherwise granted in this Chapter.
 7. All non-essential municipal water use shall be eliminated.
- E. *Water Rationing:* Whenever the fourteen-day average stream flow of the South Fork of the Shenandoah River, measured from Point 01631000, drops below two hundred (200) CFS, the Front Royal Town Manager shall declare an emergency exists and declare water rationing to be in effect and shall implement enforcement thereof. During periods of water rationing, users of the Front Royal Municipal Water System shall be prohibited from the following:

1. The watering of shrubbery, trees, lawns, grass, plants, or any other vegetation, except indoor plantings, greenhouse and commercial nursery stocks. This prohibition shall not apply to waterings done through the use of recycled household water.
 2. The washing of automobiles, trucks, trailers, boats, airplanes, or other types of mobile equipment. During periods of water rationing, the operators of commercial car wash facilities shall be notified of the imposition of water rationing through service by a law enforcement officer and appropriate radio and television advertisements and notices published in the newspapers of local circulation. The operators shall likewise be notified of the cessation of water rationing.
 3. The hauling of water beyond the Town's municipal limits except to customers with existing twelve-month hauling contracts.
 4. The operation of outdoor water spigots in any municipal park, playground, or recreation facility.
 5. Commercial clothes washing facilities shall be required to reduce water usage by fifty percent (50%) of the average use of the previous twelve (12) months. Users with less than twelve (12) months previous water use shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of their previous use for all water service shall not be restricted until they have established at least one (1) month's service in a period when water rationing is not in effect. During periods when water rationing, operators of commercial clothes washing facilities shall be notified of the imposition of water rationing through service by a law enforcement officer and appropriate radio and television advertisements and notices published in the newspapers of local circulation. The operators shall likewise be notified of the cessation of water rationing.
- F. *Notification Requirements:* The public shall be notified of the imposition of mandatory water conservation, emergency water conservation, and watering rationing through appropriate radio and television announcements and notices published in newspapers of local circulation. The public shall likewise be notified of the cessation of mandatory conservation, emergency water conservation, and water rationing.
- G. *Lifting of Restrictions:* Mandatory water conservation, emergency water conservation, and water rationing periods shall cease at such time as the fourteen-day average stream flow recovers and rises above the flow rate needed for the imposition of mandatory water conservation, emergency water conservation, or water rationing.
- H. *Violations:* Violation of the mandatory water conservation, emergency water conservation, and water rationing prohibitions set forth in Subsections C, D, and E during periods of water conservation or rationing may be punished by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). Each day that a violation occurs may be punished as a separate offense.