



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of February 24, 2024

DATE: February 13, 2024

SUBJECT: Request to authorize advertisement of a public hearing on an ordinance to amend the Code of Arlington County, Virginia, to add a new Chapter 71 Authorizing a Firearms Buyback Program.

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize advertisement for a public hearing on an ordinance to amend the Code of Arlington County, Virginia, to add a new Chapter 71 Authorizing a Firearms Buyback Program (Attachment 1) at the March 16, 2024, County Board Meeting.

ISSUES: This is a request for a public hearing on the proposed ordinance to create a mechanism by which citizens can surrender unwanted or unneeded firearms.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this ordinance is to provide the community an opportunity to dispose of unwanted firearms with the goal of creating a safer community and preventing firearm violence.

BACKGROUND: Moms Demand Action, a public safety advocacy group devoted to protecting people from gun violence, has collaborated with County officials to provide this initiative to rid the community of unwanted firearms.

DISCUSSION: This ordinance, if adopted, would provide for establishing a firearm buyback program in which firearms surrendered by any resident of Arlington County or the City of Falls Church can be exchanged for gift cards.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT: A public hearing is requested for the March 16, 2024, County Board meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT: This ordinance would require the presence of law enforcement officers working each buyback event at the overtime rate for 15 officers at the current rate of \$75 (per officer) for six hours per event.

County Manager:

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County Attorney:

MNC

Staff: Deputy Chief Wayne Vincent, ACPD