Town Council
Regular Meeting
Agenda Item 6.a.

Agenda Item: **Resolution 25-G-61 to adopt the Town of Herndon's 2026 Legislative Program**

Meeting Date: November 12, 2025

Category: General

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Description:
This resolution establishes the Town of Herndon 2026 Legislative Program to provide action items for state legislators.

Background:
Each year, the Town advises the Town's representatives in the General Assembly of legislation which they wish to be advanced and legislative positions on important issues in the form of its Legislative Program. The positions and information provided by the Legislative Program play an important role in informing state legislators on how the actions they take at the General Assembly will affect the community. Generally, the Legislative Program mirrors that of the Virginia Municipal League (VML) which advocates on behalf of Towns and Cities throughout the Commonwealth and occasionally includes specific requests for legislation. The VML Legislative Program was adopted at their Annual Conference last month.

This year, in addition to specific position statements, four specific requests have been identified relating to changes to the Charter of the Town of Herndon:

1. Adjustment to residency requirements of the Town Manager.
2. Clarification that Town Council has two appointive officers, the Town Manager and Town Attorney.
3. Clarification regarding deputies and assistants to the Town Attorney.
4. Repeal of references to Town of Herndon School Board.

The Legislative Program was discussed at the October 7, 2025, work session, and staff was directed to prepare the proposed legislative agenda as discussed that evening.

Timing Impact:
Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-202, a locality requesting the General Assembly amend its Charter must hold a public hearing with respect to the amendment. Such public hearing must be advertised in accordance with Section 15.2-1427 and a

Resolution adopting such proposed amendment must be transmitted to the legislator sponsoring the bill by November 15.

Strategic Focus Area:
Good Governance

Fiscal Impact:
None.

Legal Impact:
These Charter amendments have been properly advertised and the Town's legislators have agreed to carry these bills if adopted. If the proposed Charter amendments are adopted by the Town Council and subsequently by the General Assembly, they would be effective on and after July 1, 2026.

Staff Recommendation/Next Steps:
Adoption of the Resolution as proposed

Attachments:
1. Resolution (Proposed)
2. Attachment A - 2026 VML Legislative Program
3. Attachment B - Town Legislative Positions