TOWN OF Herndon VIRGINIA

Town Council Regular Meeting
Agenda Item 5.f.

Agenda Item: **Ordinance 25-O-26 to request the 2026 Virginia General Assembly amend the Charter of the Town of Herndon, Chapter 7 Miscellaneous, to repeal Sec. 7.5 regarding Town of Herndon School Board**

Meeting Date: November 12, 2025

Category: Public Hearings

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Description:
This Ordinance would request the Virginia General Assembly to amend the Charter of the Town of Herndon, Chapter 7 Miscellaneous, to repeal Sec. 7.5 regarding Town of Herndon School Board.

Background:
The Town Charter establishes a Town of Herndon School Board and authorizes the appointment of its members. However, for decades, the Town's public schools have been administered and operated exclusively by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS). The Town no longer maintains or exercises authority over a separate Town School Board.

Repeal of this Charter provision is necessary to reflect current governance and eliminate obsolete language.

The notices for public hearing were duly advertised in the *Fairfax County Times Newspapers* in the Friday, October 24 and October 31, 2025, editions.

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, 2025.

Strategic Focus Area:
Good Governance

Fiscal Impact:
There is no fiscal impact from the proposed Charter amendment.

Legal Impact:
If the proposed amendment is adopted by the Town Council and subsequently by the General Assembly, it would be effective on and after July 1, 2026.

Staff Recommendation/Next Steps:
Adopt the proposed amendment and forward all required documents to the Town's legislators for submission to the 2026 Virginia General Assembly for consideration.

Attachments:
1. Ordinance, Charter Section 7 (Proposed)
2. Legal Ad