

Town Council Actions: February 5, 2019

The following items are extracts of recent Town Council actions and are not official meeting minutes. The most recent approved Town Council minutes and agendas are available online at www.occoquanva.gov. All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.

- Adopted Town Logo and Brand Guidelines
- Adopted Resolution to Initiate Zoning Text Amendment for Home Occupation
- Adopted Resolution to Initiate Zoning Text Amendment for Special Use Permit for Setback Regulations
- Adopted Resolution to Initiate Zoning Text Amendment for Special Use Permit for Height Regulations
- Adopted Ordinance for Town Code Amendment for Use of Streets
- Adopted Resolution Related to Lease Purchase for Police Vehicles
- Set a Not-To-Exceed amount of \$1,660 to remove Overgrowth between Commerce Street and Poplar Alley
- Adopted Ordinance for Town Code Amendment for Exempting Antique Vehicles from Annual License Fee

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Mayor's Letter

There are several things I would like to highlight this month as we head into spring. First, the Town staff and Town Council are working earnestly to prepare and adopt the FY 2020 budget and capital plan. The next work session on these matters will take place on Tuesday, March 19. Those of you who are interested in learning more about how the Town's financial plans are developed may find attendance at the work session helpful.

Second, as some of you may already be aware, the Town Council recently adopted a new logo that will be used for a variety of marketing purposes related to Town events. This logo is the result of a project initiated by the prior Town Council and will begin to be featured prominently this spring; Occoquan's formal governmental logo will remain unchanged.

Third, the Town Council has also adopted a recodification of the Town's ordinances. Also a project begun by the prior Town Council, this recodification reorganizes the Town Code, codifies some previously-adopted ordinances, corrects administrative/typographical errors, and updates various references. Occoquan's updated Town Code may be found on the Town web site.

Fourth, I would like to encourage everyone to consider signing up for OCQ Alerts. A new system implemented by the Town staff, OCQ Alerts enables you to receive texts, emails, or both, about a variety of Town-related matters. You can choose both the type of alert you would like to receive (e.g. emergency notifications only) and the manner in which you receive them. Please visit the Town web site (www.occoquanva.gov) to sign up.

Last, please remember to check out the 2019 Military Tribute Banner program sponsored by Occoquan's own VFW Post 7916. There is additional information on the program in this newsletter. Once again, let me thank you for your interest and support, and encourage you to contact me at eporta@occoquanva.gov with any comments, questions or concerns.

Earnie W. Porta, Jr.

OCQ ALERTS

In an effort to increase dialogue between the Town to residents, businesses, and patrons the Town is establishing a program to send important information via emails and text messages. We encourage you to complete the survey below by following this link or going to the Town website homepage where the link will also be provided.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JDDW3P9>

For any questions or to receive a hardcopy of this survey, please contact Town Hall at (703) 491-1918 or email at info@occoquanva.gov.

Business License Renewals and BPOL Due March 1

The 2019 Business and Professional Occupational License (BPOL) renewals are due no later than March 1, 2019. Renewal notices will be sent in February to businesses currently holding a license with the Town. A penalty of 10% may be added if your *application* is received after March 31, and/or a 10% penalty will be added if your *payment* is received after May 31, 2019.

The business license fee is based on gross receipts for calendar year 2018. Tax rates are listed on the application, with a minimum tax of \$30.

Businesses operating out of homes within Occoquan are also required to obtain a business license and pay BPOL to the Town. For questions, please contact the Town Clerk at (703) 491-1918 or visit www.occoquanva.gov for more information.

2019 Military Tribute Banners

Sign up now to sponsor a 2019 military tribute banner to honor your family member, ancestor, or friend for their military service! Go to www.militarytributebanners.org, find Current Programs on the menu bar, select "Occoquan, VA" from the list that appears, and follow the instructions. Military tribute banners will be displayed in Occoquan from approximately mid-May through mid-November. Stop by Town Hall or VFW Post 7916 for more information

March 2019

Town Meetings and Events

(All meetings are held at Town Hall, 314 Mill Street, unless otherwise noted.)

March 5: Town Council Meeting 7:00 pm, Joint Public Hearing	March 19: Town Council Meeting 7:00 pm, Work Session
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March 5: Planning Commission Meeting Directly Following the Joint Public Hearing	March 20: February 2019 Meals Tax and Transient occupancy Tax Due
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March 5: Town Council Meeting Directly Following the Planning Commission Meeting	March 26: Planning Commission Architectural Review Board 6:30 pm, Town Hall 7:30 pm, Town Hall
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Occoquan Community Peep Contest



Announcing the 2nd annual Occoquan Community Peep Contest!
Build a fun Peeps diorama and enter to win a \$25 prize to spend at any business in Occoquan!

To receive an entry form and contest rules, sign up at Town Hall or by sending an email to the Events Director at jlittle@occoquanva.gov by April 12, 2019. Dioramas with attached entry forms are to be dropped off to Town Hall between Monday, April 15 and Thursday, April 18, 2019. Town Hall is open M-F from 9am to 4pm to receive entries.

Judging will be on Friday, April 19th by a team of local judges. Dioramas will be on display to the public at Town Hall through April 26, with winners announced on Saturday, April 20 at noon. Enter in one of four categories: Individual, Family/Team, Youth (ages 12-16), and Kids (ages 12 and under). Winners in each category receive a \$25 prize to spend at any local Town of Occoquan business! This event is free and open to the public.