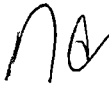


# COUNTY OF YORK

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** October 31, 2018

**TO:** York County Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Neil A. Morgan, County Administrator 

**SUBJECT:** Dog License Fee Changes Starting November 1

As approved in your FY2019 budget, the fees for dog licenses in York County will change to a one-time (lifetime) registration beginning November 1. Previously, the licenses were paid on an annual basis. The new fee will be \$10 and requires no renewal.

This does not apply to kennels. Those license fees remain the same. Licenses are issued at the Treasurer's Office and, as before, a current rabies certificate is required at time of purchase.

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# COUNTY OF YORK

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** October 29, 2018

**TO:** York County Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Neil A. Morgan, County Administrator



**SUBJECT:** Greater Williamsburg Partnership

As the Board is aware, the Greater Williamsburg Partnership (GWP), now in its fourth year, was intended to promote economic diversification for York and James City counties, as well as on behalf of the City of Williamsburg. The GWP has been constrained by the resource and population base of our three localities and area-based businesses. Members of the GWP board, as well as staff from the three localities, have considered and debated various alternatives for putting the GWP on a more solid long-term footing. With the changes set in motion by SB 942, the structure of the Greater Williamsburg Chamber and Tourism Alliance (GWCTA) is in flux. The non-tourism side of the GWCTA is being reformatted as the Business Council. I, as well as my James City County and Williamsburg counterparts, have concluded that the new Business Council would be a very appropriate location for the regional economic development promotion function to be housed. Effectively, we are recommending that the GWP be folded into the Business Council of the GWCTA.

### ADVANTAGES

- The same three communities participate in both groups.
- Many of the same businesses are asked to contribute to both groups.
- Regional economic development is logically associated with the traditional local promotion functions of the Chamber.
- All of the work that has gone into creating the GWP as an entity can be preserved within the Business Council structure.
- The consolidation would avoid the proliferation of regional groups that must be staffed and populated with board members.
- There is the prospect for a significantly larger resource base for promoting regional economic diversification by combining forces with the Business Council of the GWCTA.
- There is the prospect of a net savings of local government funding.

- By pursuing this consolidation now, the bylaws of the GWCTA and the Business Council can take this concept into account and accommodate absorbing some of the GWP board members into the new structure.
- By pursuing this consolidation now, the recruitment of a Business Council Executive Director can take these responsibilities into account during the hiring process.

### **NEXT STEPS**

It is my intention to pursue this opportunity with our local government partners with the goal of determining the feasibility of a GWP/Business Council consolidation in time to make appropriate recommendations in the FY 2020 budget.

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# COUNTY OF YORK

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** October 29, 2018  
**TO:** York County Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Neil A. Morgan, County Administrator  
**SUBJECT:** Nelson's Grant Progress Review Meetings



The Board is aware that County staff has been meeting with residents and the developers of Nelson's Grant in an attempt to facilitate project progress and improved communication. I am pleased to report that, at my request, the developers have agreed to attend periodic progress review meetings with me and Mark Bellamy, as well as a small group of residents. I will convene these meetings as a representative of the County. Two residents, Mr. Paul Chase and Mr. John Gordon, offered to participate to represent some of the residents. At the suggestion of the developers and others, I have also requested the participation of Ms. Lisa Singleton and Mr. Bill Speed.

Although many of the complaints and points of disagreement are not within the County's power to resolve, some elements of project progress can be influenced by our approved plans and inspection authority. It is my hope that in the coming months these meetings can generate a collaborative approach to project progress that blends resident input on priorities with the practical constraints facing the developer. Also, I believe that with four resident participants there will be a sufficient cross section of neighborhood interests represented to ensure that all interested parties receive accurate and timely information.

We will, of course, update you as appropriate.

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