

7. PROPOSAL TO ELIMINATE THE ISSUANCE OF COUNTY DECALS

I was approached several months ago by Mr. David Britt, County Treasurer, and Mrs. Amy Carr, Commissioner of the Revenue, regarding their interest in eliminating the practice of issuing vehicle decals. As you may be aware, most of the cities in South Hampton Roads have now abandoned the process and many other localities across the Commonwealth have joined the bandwagon.

Mr. Britt has prepared a PowerPoint presentation (copy attached) that he would like to share with you as well as a draft ordinance that eliminates the decal requirement (but not the requirement that the resident pays the tax).

If this is something that you might favorably consider, it is necessary to conduct a public hearing prior to taking action. Please note that your disposition of this matter does not affect residents of our 6 incorporated towns – only their respective town councils can eliminate the decal requirement within their corporate limits.

One of the unintended consequences of abolishing the decal requirement is that residency will no longer be readily apparent to the attendants at our solid waste convenience centers. That issue needn't be a deterrent – we've discussed the possibility of issuing small decals that can be placed on the reverse side of a resident's rear-view mirror (Charles City County utilizes this) to identify them as a county resident for solid waste disposal purposes.

MOTION REQUIRED: If the Board is so inclined, a motion is required to advertise a public hearing on the attached ordinance at your August 24 regular session.