



County of Albemarle
Board of Supervisors

2026 Legislative Priorities: General Assembly Outcomes & 2027 Follow-Up Actions

1. Enable Localities to Enforce the Virginia Residential Landlord–Tenant Act

Summary of Priority

Albemarle County sought an amendment to *Virginia Code* § 55.1-1259 to allow localities to directly enforce landlord obligations relating to fire, health, and safety conditions, enabling quicker resolution of hazards and reducing reliance on tenant-initiated legal action.

2026 General Assembly Outcome

Fully Approved and Enacted.

Legislation passed both chambers and was signed into law as [Chapter 543](#), effective July 1, 2026. This grants localities the enforcement authority sought.

2027 Recommended Action

No further legislative action required.

Implementation efforts (ordinances, staffing, enforcement workflows) may proceed at the local level.

2. Expand Authority to Use Photo Speed Monitoring Devices

Summary of Priority

Albemarle County sought broader authority to use automated speed enforcement on secondary road segments with documented speeding problems.

2026 General Assembly Outcome

Partially Approved — Limited Scope.

The 2026 legislation ([HB 1220/SB 219](#)) authorizes automated speed monitoring only in:

- Highway work zones, and only when workers are present.
- School crossing zones.
- High-risk intersections within 1,000 ft of a school with a documented traffic fatality since Jan 1, 2014.

Key Limitation:

The new law does not authorize the use of photo speed monitoring devices on *all secondary*

roads where localities have identified speeding as a problem.
Thus, the County's requested expansion was not fully met.

2027 Recommended Action

- Pursue new legislation explicitly permitting automated enforcement on any secondary road segment documented by a locality as hazardous or speed-prone.
- Coordinate with law enforcement, VDOT, and partner localities to demonstrate safety need and build support.

3. Enable a Local Option One-Cent Sales Tax for School Capital Projects

Summary of Priority

Albemarle sought authority to hold a referendum on a one-cent local sales tax dedicated solely to school division capital projects.

2026 General Assembly Outcome

The General Assembly included this item in the biennium budget and it was signed by the Governor, with the new authority taking effect July 1, 2026.

2027 Recommended Action

No further legislative action required.

Implementation efforts are underway at the local level, with recent Board action to request a referendum be included on the ballot this November.

4. State Funding for Biscuit Run Park – Monacan Indian Nation Tribute Park Connector Greenway Trail

Summary of Priority

Albemarle sought \$1.48 million for a one-mile accessible connector trail linking Biscuit Run Park to the Monacan Indian Nation Tribute Park.

2026 General Assembly Outcome

Fully Funded.

A Senate floor amendment, [Item 103 #6s](#), allocated the requested \$1.48 million in the 2026 state budget.

2027 Recommended Action

No further legislative action required.

County is now proceeding with project execution, coordination with state agencies, and procurement.

Summary Table

Priority	2026 Outcome	Is Further State Action Needed?	2027 Plan
Landlord–Tenant Enforcement	Fully Enacted	No	Local implementation only
Photo Speed Monitoring	Partially Enacted – Limited authority	Yes	Pursue expanded authority for all problem secondary roads
Local Option Sales Tax	Pending – Senate supported, House omitted	No	Local implementation only
Biscuit Run Funding	Fully Funded	No	Move to project delivery