



County of Albemarle
Board of Supervisors

2027 Legislative Program

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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Summary

Amend [Virginia Code §§ 46.2-882](#) and [46.2-882.1](#) to enable the use of photo speed monitoring devices on segments of secondary roads where speeding has been identified as a problem.

Description

The enabling authority would be implemented by ordinance and would apply only to segments of secondary roads having posted speeds of 35 miles per hour or higher with speeding, crash, or fatality data supporting the need for additional speed enforcement. In addition, the selected road segments would be required to have signs posted informing drivers that such devices are being used to monitor speed.

Rationale

This initiative would give localities the option to use photo speed monitoring devices as an enforcement tool on designated segments of secondary roads where speeding is prevalent. Using such devices would promote safety both of the public, by providing broader enforcement of speed limits, and of law enforcement officers, who are otherwise making traffic stops on potentially dangerous road segments (e.g., segments without shoulders or with limited sight distance). Additionally, the use of technology where human intervention is unnecessary would allow law enforcement officers to do other critical police work.

LEGISLATIVE PRINCIPLES

The following high-level legislative principles supplement the County's specific legislative priorities and provide guidance for staff and legislators in determining whether the County supports certain legislation.

In addition to supporting the legislative program of the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPDC), Albemarle County also supports legislation that:

- Advances the County's Strategic and Comprehensive Plans
- Expands local authority related to land use and taxation
- Provides adequate state support for state-mandated activities, including public education
- Promotes environmental sustainability

Specifically, Albemarle County encourages legislators to:

Economic Development

- Support legislation that furthers Albemarle County's economic development strategic plan goals, including state support for specific economic development projects and regulatory flexibility.

Growth Management, Environmental Protection, and Land Use

- Oppose legislation that erodes local authority over land use matters;
- Support legislation that enhances local authority or provides funding related to environmental sustainability.

Health and Human Services

- Support legislation that benefits community members or enhances the ability of local Departments of Social Services to better perform their work.

Housing

- Support legislation that promotes the production and preservation of affordable housing, whether through state support or enhanced enabling authority.

Local Government Finance

- Support equal taxing authority of cities and counties, funding for state-supported services, and fully funding state mandates.

Public Safety

- Support legislation that promotes the safety of residents, including authority over traffic regulation, and the safety initiatives of the Albemarle County Police and Fire Rescue Departments.

Solid Waste

- Support legislation that reduces waste generation, improves recycling and composting rates, reduces litter, and increases diversion of materials sent to landfills.

Transportation

- Support adequate state funding for transportation, including transit and multi-modal improvements.