

Passed by the Membership on 3 Apr 2018
50 ayes, 1 nay, and 1 abstention

ARLINGTON COUNTY CIVIC FEDERATION Revenues & Expenditures Committee
Real Estate Tax-Rate Resolution for FY2019
April 3, 2018

Whereas, the Arlington County Manager proposes a FY 2019 budget with an advertised real property tax of \$1.006 per \$100 of assessed value (the same rate as in FY 2018) and the County Board advertised this rate for FY 2019;ⁱ

Whereas, the assessed value of residential real property increased by 6.1% in CY 2014, 5.4% in CY 2015, 3% in CY 2016, 2.5% in CY 2017 and 3.9% in CY 2018—a cumulative increase of 22.7% over 5 years;ⁱⁱ

Whereas, even at the current real property tax rate of \$1.006 per \$100 of assessed value, the “average homeowner” would see his/her tax and fee burden rise \$297—a 3.5% increase—in CY 2018;ⁱⁱⁱ

Whereas the County Manager should be commended for following County Board guidance in keeping the proposed budget within present tax rates;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Arlington County Civic Federation supports the County Manager’s recommendation for keeping the tax rate at the present level and the Board’s vote to cap the advertised rate at the present level; and, it encourages the County Board, the County Manager and County staff to continue efforts to prioritize core needs and identify savings ideas.

Respectfully submitted,

R&E Committee members voting to support the resolution: Burt Bostwick, Duke Banks, Frank Emerson, Rick Epstein, Roger Morton, Suzanne Smith Sundburg, John Tuohy and Jerry Auten

R&E Committee members unable to attend R&E’s FY2019 budget committee meetings: Paul Holland, Cindy Rheame, Terry Showman and Tim Wise.

END NOTES

ⁱ News Release, “Arlington County Board Votes for No Tax Rate Increase,”

<https://newsroom.arlingtonva.us/release/arlington-county-board-votes-for-no-tax-rate-increase/>

ⁱⁱ Note: “Assessed value of residential real property” is the aggregate of the residential tax base, which includes single-family homes, townhouses and condominiums. Assessments of detached single-family homes and townhouses increased 25% over the 5-year period, and assessments of condominiums increased 17% over the 5-year period.

CY 2018 (FY2019) <https://arlingtonva.s3.dualstack.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/18/2018/02/FY19P-Section-B-Revenues.pdf> (p. book 102, web 110)

CY 2017 (FY2018) <https://arlingtonva.s3.dualstack.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/18/2017/06/FY18A-All-in-One-Budget-V3-compressed.pdf> (p. 63)

CY 2016 (FY2017) <https://arlingtonva.s3.dualstack.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/18/2016/06/FY17-Adopted-Budget-All-In-One-compressed.pdf> (p. 63)

CY 2015 (FY2016) <https://arlingtonva.s3.dualstack.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/18/2015/06/FY16A-Final-All-in-One-Adopted-File.pdf> (p. 73)

CY 2014 (FY2015) <https://arlingtonva.s3.dualstack.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/18/2014/09/Final-FY-2015-Adopted-with-Page-numbers.pdf> (p. 67)

ⁱⁱⁱ “County Manager’s FY 2019 Proposed Budget Overview” (slide 22)

http://arlington.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=2&event_id=1229&meta_id=173237