



Potential County Noise Ordinance: What You Need To Know

For several years, the Planning & Zoning Committee has been reviewing staff-proposed changes to the current Noise Control code and suggesting alternatives. Gary Greene of Code Enforcement will give a presentation on staff's latest revision that staff plans to advertise on the County Board's February or March agenda.

While the latest staff revisions incorporate many of our past comments, a significant number of the issues that we highlighted are still unresolved. Thus P&Z is advising the Civic Federation to recommend further revisions on three unresolved items:

Who is protected in 15-6. Prohibited Acts. New protections given to residents in R zoning districts, which includes single-family homes and some townhouses. We recommend including all residential uses (all single-family homes, townhouses, condos, and apartments).

Where measurements are taken. The descriptions of where measurements will be taken for the prohibited acts described in 15-6.F and 15-6.G is confusing and needs clarification.

Exceptions for Holiday Eves. The hours when certain types of noisy activities—such as live entertainment—may occur is extended on weekends, holidays, and certain holiday eves. We think this is reasonable and ask that section 15-3. Definitions include a separate list of Holiday Eves where extended hours are appropriate (such as New Years Eve).

We encourage delegates to read staff's markup found here:

<http://www.civfed.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/ArlingtonCounty-Noise-Ordinance-Draft-for-Public-Posting-2014.pdf>

and our full report, found here:

<http://www.civfed.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/PZ-Noise-Control-Report-01.21.14.pdf>

GENERAL MEETING NOTICE

Tuesday, February 4, 2014

7:30 p.m.

Hazel Auditorium
Virginia Hospital Center
1701 N George Mason Drive
Arlington VA 22205

Agenda

- 7:30 Meeting Called to Order
- 7:35 County Board Presentation
- 8:30 Noise Ordinance
- 9:25 Announcements
- 9:25 Old Business
- 9:30 New Business
- 9:35 Adjourn

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From the President

Mike McMenamain

The Arlington County Board will be our guests for our next meeting.

They will present a prepared presentation and there will be time allowed for questions and answers. So please come and hear what the Board's plans are in the coming year.

We will also have a presentation on the potential new noise ordinance by Gary Greene from Code Enforcement and Captain Franz Desamour from APD who will be on hand to answer questions.

Last month, we concluded hearing from you about your priorities. We are currently working on a survey based on the information that was provided and hope to complete it by the March meeting, so stay tuned.

Finally, the filling of vacancies of Committee Chairs is a still a top priority. We currently have vacancies on the Audit, Revenues and Expenditures Committees. We also seek two executive committee members. If you are interested in serving or know of someone who might be interested, please contact me at: mike@civfed.org.

News From the Executive Committee

Terri Prell, Acting-Chair terri@civfed.org

The Executive Committee met on January 12, 2014, to plan the agenda for the February 4, 2014 general meeting and discussed future meetings. (www.civfed.org/officers.htm). The Executive Committee will meet again on February 9, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. at **4805 Wilson Blvd, Arlington VA 22203 (Fire Station 2)**, to coordinate committee work, plan future meeting programs. **In addition to officers and Executive Committee members, we ask Committee Chairs with business to come before the Federation soon to attend this meeting.**

Awards Committee

Pursuant to subsection (ii) of Section 7 of Article VII of the Federation's By-laws, the Federation shall elect five delegates to serve as the Awards Committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to seek and make recommendations for persons, committees, or members to receive the Sun Gazette Cup and Certificates of Appreciation. **As of this publication, Michael Beer is the only approved member of this committee. I will be asking for four more candidates at the February meeting.**

Articles for the Newsletter

If you have information which should be included in the Civic Voice, sent it to CivFed@gmail.com.



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County Board Program

The County Board will be our guest at the February meeting of the Federation. The Board will give opening remarks for 20 minutes. Following opening remarks, the Board will be asked questions submitted in advance by the Federation's committee chairs. Please see the questions below.

After these prepared questions are answered, the floor will be open for member delegate questions for the remainder of the program. This program will be 55 minutes in length.

Member delegates and alternates are reminded that their questions should be actual questions and that position statements are not questions. In addition, questions shall be thirty seconds in length. Finally, in the interest of fairness, and in an effort to make sure that all member delegates may ask a question, follow up questions will not be allowed.

County Board Questions

- What commitment does the County Board have to maintaining neighborhoods and preventing additional encroachment of high-density housing, commercial, scholastic, retail and/or significant public facilities, thereby preserving each current neighborhood's character, environment and values? More specifically, what is the plan for traditional development, including Edge, such as being looked at today by the communities and county along Lee Highway?
- How is the County going to stay competitive with the forthcoming Metro Silver Line that will create competition for businesses coming or staying in Arlington? What is the potential impact on commercial property taxes and how will the County address any potential shortfalls?
- The Arlington County Civic Federation (ACCF) passed a resolution last fall for the need for an Inspector General and we have not heard back from the County Board about their plans for implementing such a position?

- Last month, the County Manager stated in her presentation to ACCF that "We can do anything we want, we just can't do everything we want." in regards to capital projects. Can you please tell us which projects will be delayed or given a lower priority in implementation in light of the pressing needs of schools, constituent services and aging infrastructure?
- What is the future of the Aquatic Center, since it is inadequately funded based on build projections?

Potential Zoning Code Revisions to Bulk Coverage and Placement Rules

Staff has formulated additions to the Zoning Ordinance that will incorporate Zoning Administrator determinations and common practices. A public meeting conducted by staff will be held on Wednesday, January 29th at 7PM in the Navy League building. For information, go to:

County web page at: <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/CPHD/planning/studies/page87562.aspx>

The Planning & Zoning Committee will meet on Sunday, February 2nd at 3:00 p.m. to discuss potential changes and formulate questions and comments for a February 4th ZOCO meeting. If you would like to attend the P&Z meeting, contact larrymayer@civfed.org or Martha@civfed.org.

A segment of the April 1st ACCF General Meeting will be devoted to the Zoning Code revision efforts currently underway or planned.

ACCF 98th Annual Banquet

This year's guest speaker is the Washington DC Metro Area Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals 2013 Outstanding Philanthropist of the year John Shooshan. Mr. Shooshan is CEO and President of The Shooshan Company, a management and construction firm whose active and dedicated leadership is vital in generating business opportunities and fostering community relationships.

Mr. Shooshan is active in community affairs. He lends his energy and expertise to a variety of local public and private organizations. He is an active member of both the Urban Land Institute and Lambda Alpha and is co-chair, with Arlington County Board Chair Barbara Favola, of the Arlington Leadership Consortium to End Homelessness. Mr. Shooshan is a former member of the Urban Land Institute's Washington District Council Executive Committee and Landon School trustee, and is past president of the Ballston Partnership. He has also served on the boards of the Ballston-Virginia Square Partnership and the John Carroll Society.

So please mark your calendars and plan to attend:

The Arlington County Civic Federation 98th Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony

Friday, April 4, 2014

Holiday Inn, Rosslyn

1900 North Fort Myer Drive

Arlington, Virginia

Cocktails 6:30 (Cash Bar) Dinner 7:30

Invitations will be sent through the regular mail the beginning of March with a choice of dinners.

Banquet Committee Needs Help

The banquet committee needs 1 - 2 volunteers to stamp, label and stuff the 550 invitations for the banquet (during the last week of February). We also need 2 volunteers to be at the table at the

banquet to handle check-in and greeting for guests on April 4 from 6:00 - 7:30. If you can help, please contact Pete Olivere at peterolivere@civfed.org or 703-626-2520.

Updates from the Environmental Committee

The first meeting of the oversight commission for the new Community Energy Plan was held in January 2014 to provide staff updates. Reports and updates from this Commission will be provided in coming months as progress is made on the Plan and its implementation. Any key issues and elements on which the ACCF might wish to express opinions will be noted on the web site or brought to future meetings of the Federation.

Joe Pelton, as Chair of the ACCF Environmental Committee, was appointed to this Commission by the County Board late in 2013.

Civic Federation Tentative Meetings Schedule and Programs for 2013 - 2014

Meetings are the 1st Tuesday of each month (except November)

February 4th- County Board; Noise Ordinance

March 4th- Arlington County Board Special Election Debate; School Board

April 1st- Budget; Residential Zoning; Election of Nominating Committee.

(Note - Friday, April 4 - Civic Federation Award Banquet)

May 6th- State Legislative Delegation

June 3rd - Election of officers

Arlington County Civic Federation

The ACCF is dedicated to advocacy and community involvement. Its purpose continues to be promoting the general welfare of Arlington County and vicinity in a non-partisan, non-sectarian, non-sectional, and non-political manner.

Committees of the Civic Federation

The committees provide the basis for most actions of the Federation. We strongly encourage every delegate and alternate to serve on at least one committee. If you have an interest in any topic please contact the chair. If a chair is not listed, contact our President Mike McMenamain at mike@civfed.org

Committee	Chair(s)	Email Address
Executive	Terri Prell (Acting chair)	terri@civfed.org
Awards	Elected at the December 2013 membership meeting	
Audit		
Bylaws	Sarah Shortall	
Community Relations	James Schroll (POC)	james@civfed.org
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Nominating	Elected at the April 2014 membership meeting	
Parks and Recreation	Jay Wind	jay@civfed.org
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