

## **Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Association Advertising Boards to Announce ARB Meetings Resolution**

**Whereas**, the Fairfax County Architectural Review Board (ARB) was created under the Code of Virginia, Title 15.2 Counties, Cities, and Towns, Chapter 22 - Planning, Subdivision of Land and Zoning, 15.2 2306 - Preservation Of Historic Sites And Architectural Areas and;

**Whereas**, this section permits a locality such as Fairfax County to adopt an ordinance specifying buildings and structures having an important historic, architectural, archeological, or cultural value and;

**Whereas**, the Board of Supervisors (BOS) can designate historic overlay districts surrounding these important structures; and

**Whereas**, the BOS must modify the zoning ordinance to describe the authority of the ARB; and

**Whereas**, the ordinance may include a provision that no building or structure, including signs, shall be erected, reconstructed, altered, restored, or demolished within any district created under the ordinance unless approved by the review board; and

**Whereas**, the BOS amended the Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance to create the ARB and to state its authority, and

**Whereas**, under the authority of Section 19-307 Powers and Duties of the Zoning Ordinance, the ARB meets at least monthly to review and make recommendations on all applications for rezonings, special permits, special exceptions, subdivision plats, and grading plans in Historic Overlay Districts regardless of whether some of these actions are by-right in the underlying zoning district; and

**Whereas**, the ARB is directed by the Code of Virginia 15.2 2306 and by the Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance Section 19-307 to cooperate with and seek assistance from the Fairfax County History Commission, the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and other interested parties, both public and private, in its efforts to preserve, restore, and conserve historic, cultural or archaeological buildings, sites, or areas in the County; and

**Whereas**, the dates and agendas of these meetings are published in the ARB section of the Fairfax County web site; and

**Whereas**, the Code of Virginia 15.2-2205 Additional notice of planning or zoning matters states that any locality may give, in addition to any specific notice required by law, notice by direct mail or any other means of any planning or zoning matter it deems appropriate; and

**Whereas**, the citizens who reside, work, or travel nearby are certainly interested parties both public and private and should be notified of the ARB meetings in a public manner; and

**Whereas**, other planning and zoning bodies such as the BOS, the Planning Commission, and the Board of Zoning Appeals post Advertising boards with hearing notices at the relevant site;

**Therefore**, Be it resolved that Fairfax County Board of Supervisors direct a multi-month trial to place Advertising boards with appropriate notices at sites that are scheduled for ARB action so that these citizens can express their views and concerns to the members of the ARB.