

**ACTION ITEM
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

DATE. December 2, 2008

TO. Board of Supervisors
FROM Anthony Romanello, ICMA-CM
County Administrator
ISSUE: Discuss Property Maintenance Code



STAFF RECOMMENDATION· N/A

BUDGET IMPACT N/A

ATTACHMENTS (1)

- [1] Task Force Proposal [] Reso/Ord/Proc #
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REVIEW: [] County Administrator's Office _____
 [] Legal _____
 [] Budget Division _____

- [] Consent Agenda [] Other Business [] Public Hearing
- [] Discussion Item [] Presentation [] Unfinished Business
- [X] New Business

PRESENTATION BY· Supervisor Harry Crisp

ELECTION DISTRICT· N/A

**Property Maintenance Code Task Force Proposal Stafford County, Virginia,
November 18, 2008**

- Virginia Code authorizes counties to adopt the Virginia Maintenance Code either in full or in part
- The Board of Supervisors, during the last year, has considered the benefits of adopting the Virginia Maintenance Code to address increasing concerns from citizens regarding the conditions of properties in the more urban areas of the county
- In an effort to address community concerns, the Board of Supervisors has requested Stafford's delegation to the Virginia General Assembly introduce legislation to allow counties greater flexibility in adopting the Virginia Maintenance Code in more urban parts of counties, while excluding more rural portions of local jurisdictions
- Because of the wide difference in population and density in the various regions of the county the potential application of the Virginia Maintenance Code county-wide has raised a number of questions regarding implementation, administration and enforcement
- In an effort to better understand the value of the Virginia Maintenance Code in regards to implementing local community property standards and to provide recommendations to possible application of the Virginia Maintenance Code in Stafford County it is proposed that a local county-wide advisory task force be established by the Board of Supervisors
- The Task Force would be comprised of 11 members, one from each Supervisory District, two Board members appointed by the Chairman of the Board, the Director of Code Administration, and a representative from the Sheriff's Department Staff support would be provided by the Department of Code Administration with assistance from the County Administrator's Office The task force would be chartered to explore and report its findings to the Board of Supervisors within six months of appointment