



## ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item  
Meeting of April 21, 2007**

**DATE:** April 2, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Adopt the Rosslyn Business Improvement Service District (“Rosslyn BID”) tax rate as part of the overall real estate tax rate.

**C. M. RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Calendar Year (CY) 2007 tax rate for the Rosslyn Business Improvement Service District (“Rosslyn BID”) of \$0.082 that is in addition to the current real estate rate, using the attached resolution (Attachment I).

**ISSUE:** None

**SUMMARY:** The Rosslyn Business Improvement District would incur an additional levy in ad valorem property tax of \$0.082 per \$100 of assessed value on real estate located within the district. This additional tax rate would fund the budget and work plan submitted by the Rosslyn Business Improvement Corporation (RBIC). The public hearing was held and completed on March 29, 2007.

**BACKGROUND:** A group of Rosslyn commercial property owners, acting as a steering committee for the establishment of a business improvement district (BID), proposed that the County Board establish such a district in the Rosslyn “core” area to further promote development of Rosslyn as a “world class commercial center”. At its December 7, 2002 meeting, the County Board adopted an ordinance creating the Rosslyn Business Improvement District for the purpose of providing additional levels of services to the properties in the district, above those funded from the Countywide general fund activities.

**DISCUSSION:** The business improvement district comprises 107 parcels in the Rosslyn “core” and the service area is comprised of approximately 20 blocks. Enhanced services provided in the service district will be in the areas of; 1) Beautification, Cleaning, and Maintenance; 2) Community Activities and Events; 3) Transportation, Parking, Pedestrian and Safety Programs; 4) Marketing and Promotion; and, 5) Social Programs. The BID would contract for the services and the cost would be paid from the additional tax levy to the district.

County Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

County Attorney: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff: Clyde Newman, Arlington Economic Development  
Richard Stephenson, Department of Management and Finance

For CY 2007, the Rosslyn Business Improvement Corporation (RBIC) has proposed a Work Program and Budget for the fourth year of operation of the BID. If the Work Program and Budget is accepted by the County Board as part of the FY 2008 budget process, it would require an additional real estate tax levy on properties within the Business Improvement District in the amount of \$0.082 per one hundred dollars of assessed value for CY 2007 which would generate approximately \$2,425,268 for additional services in the BID for FY 2008.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** There is no fiscal impact to the County for the additional tax rate imposed on the Rosslyn Business Improvement District. The County receives 1% of the service district's supplemental tax rate revenue to offset the costs of administering the Rosslyn Business Improvement District. These funds are included in the FY 2008 Budget.

## ATTACHMENT I

### **RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A 2007 TAX LEVY RATE FOR THE ROSSLYN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (“ROSSLYN BID”)**

RESOLVED, that the County Board of Arlington County, acting as the governing body of the Rosslyn Business Improvement Service District (“Rosslyn BID”), does hereby establish a calendar year 2007 tax levy for the District in the amount of \$0.082 per one hundred dollars of assessed value of all taxable real estate located within the boundaries of the Rosslyn Business Improvement Service District (“Rosslyn BID”), and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such taxes, when and if appropriated by the County Board, acting as the governing body of the Rosslyn Business Improvement Service District (“Rosslyn BID”), shall be used solely to fund the Budget and Work Program of the District as adopted by the County Board for the purposes of the District.