

June 13, 2002

TO: The County Board of Arlington, Virginia

FROM: Ron Carlee, County Manager

SUBJECT: Adoption of an Amendment to Chapter 6 of the Arlington County Code to Establish the Live Where You Work Program

RECOMMENDATION: Amend, reenact and recodify Chapter 6 to authorize the County Manager to establish a program to provide grants for county and school board employees to purchase or rent residences, which will be used as primary residences, within the County.

SUMMARY:

In April of 2002, the General assembly enacted legislation authorizing the County to provide grants to county and school board employees to purchase or rent primary residences within the county. The proposed ordinance will assist the county and the school board in competing for local talent.

The County is preparing a policy in order to implement the program July 1, 2002. Since April, both the County and the Schools have received numerous telephone calls from interested employees inquiring about the program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The County budgeted \$60,000 for county employees (the school board has budgeted a like amount) in the 2003 budget package that was approved in April 2002.

Staff: Marcy Foster, Human Resources Department
Reviewed by the County Attorney's Office _____