



# TOWN OF FAIRFAX

## STAFF REPORT

### February 7, 2018

**TO:** Mayor and Town Council

**FROM:** Garrett Toy, Town Manager

**SUBJECT:** Discuss/consider Resident Petition for Downtown Parking Lot Purchase Proposal

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Discuss/consider the petition and direct staff as appropriate.

#### **DISCUSSION**

On January 31, 2018, a resident petition was submitted to the Town for the Council's consideration. Pursuant to Town Code 2.08.090 (C), if the Council is presented with a petition signed by 25 residents urging consideration of an issue, the issue shall be placed on the Council's agenda for discussion.

The petition had 25 signatures. A copy of the petition is available on file with the Town Clerk, and reads as follows:

"Downtown Parking Lot Purchase Proposal

"We, the citizens of Fairfax would like to purchase the property at:

Sir Francis Drake Blvd., for downtown parking. The purpose of this initiative is to have the city council put this proposal asking the people if they want to purchase the property for extra downtown parking."

The property referenced is on Sir Francis Drake Boulevard next to the Bike Museum.

The proponent indicates he would like the Council to place this matter on the ballot including language for how residents would pay for the purchase (e.g., special tax).

While parking is a major concern, it would seem more prudent for the Town to first develop its parking management plan/strategy for the downtown area before allocating its limited resources to develop a parking lot. The schedule for developing the parking management plan will be one topic of discussion for the Town Council's retreat. The Town can always consider the purchase of property without placing it on the ballot, but a tax measure would require much more analysis and community discussion before such a measure would be placed on the ballot.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

n/a

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