



**LEGISLATIVE
AGENDA
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STATE

City of Petersburg

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Legislative Request #1- City Council /Economic Development

- November 2020- Request infrastructure funding for immediate business site development readiness at Petersburg Pharmaceutical Park Phase I (\$750,000).
- *February- City was successful with securing \$10M in final state budget; awaiting the Governor's signature.*

Major Legislation

- Marijuana Legalization (2024) (SB1406)
- Skill Games Banned (HB2168)
- Disabled Veterans Motor Vehicle Property Tax Exemption (SB 1130)
- Cigarette Tax (SB 1326)
- Municipal Elections moved to November (SB 1157)
- Blight Legislation (HB1969)
- Clutter Legislation (HB1778)

Major Legislation- Marijuana Legalization (SB1406) Special Session I

Revenue Impact

According to the Virginia Department of Taxation, and based upon projected marijuana sales in Virginia as determined by JLARC in conjunction with MPG Consulting, it is estimated that this bill could generate total revenues ranging between \$13.8 million and \$23.0 million in FY 2024; \$67.4 million and \$112.6 million in FY 2025; \$103.8 million and \$173.0 million in FY 2026; and \$135.6 million and \$225.9 million in FY 2027.

The higher end of this range reflects optimistic estimates of illegal market conversion, relative equilibrium between supply and demand, and that no other states or the federal government also legalize these products. The lower end reflects less optimistic estimates of illegal market conversion, possible periods of disequilibrium between supply and demand, and the possibility that surrounding states or the federal government also would legalize marijuana. The FY 2024 estimates are based on five months of collections.

Source- <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?212+oth+SB1406FER122+PDF>

Skill Games (HB 2168) Special Session I

- Governor Northam amended legislation on March 19, 2021 to prohibit skill games
- Skill Games prohibited effective July 1, 2021

Local Cigarette Taxes (SB 1326) Special Session I

- **Local cigarette taxes; regional cigarette tax boards.** States that it is the policy of the Commonwealth, where practical, to encourage local cigarette stamping and tax collection to be accomplished through regional cigarette tax boards, defined in the bill. The bill directs the Department of Taxation to establish a task force to develop methods for modernizing the local cigarette tax collection system and provide assistance as appropriate to localities seeking to form new regional cigarette tax boards.
- Effective July 1, 2021; Governor signed into law on 3/11/21

Municipal Elections (SB1157) Special Session I

- To shift all city, town and school board elections to November
- Effective January 1, 2022; Governor signed into law on 3/12/21

Blight & Derelict Buildings (HB1969) Special Session I

- **Administration of blighted and derelict properties in certain localities.** Modifies the definition of "qualifying locality" to include any locality with a score of 100 or higher on the fiscal stress index, as published by the Department of Housing and Community Development in July 2020. Under current law, a qualifying locality is one with a score of 107 or higher on the fiscal stress index, as published by the Department using revised data for 2017.
- Qualifying localities are able to (i) classify blighted and derelict properties as a separate class of taxable property and assess such property at a higher rate and (ii) sell delinquent tax lands six months after the locality has incurred abatement costs for buildings that have been condemned, constitute a nuisance, are a derelict building, or are declared to be blighted.

Removal of clutter (HB1778) Special Session I

Removal of clutter from property; civil penalty. Provides that a locality may by ordinance require the removal of clutter from property, except on land zoned for or in active farming operation, or may, whenever the governing body deems it necessary, after reasonable notice, have such clutter removed by its own agents or employees, in which event the cost or expenses thereof shall be chargeable to and paid by the owners of such property and may be collected by the locality as taxes are collected. The bill defines "clutter" as including mechanical equipment, household furniture, containers, and similar items that may be detrimental to the well-being of a community when they are left in public view for an extended period or are allowed to accumulate. Violations of the bill are subject to the existing civil penalty applicable to violations of provisions relating to the removal of trash, garbage, refuse, litter, and similar substances from property.

- Effective July 1, 2021; Governor signed into law on 3/18/21

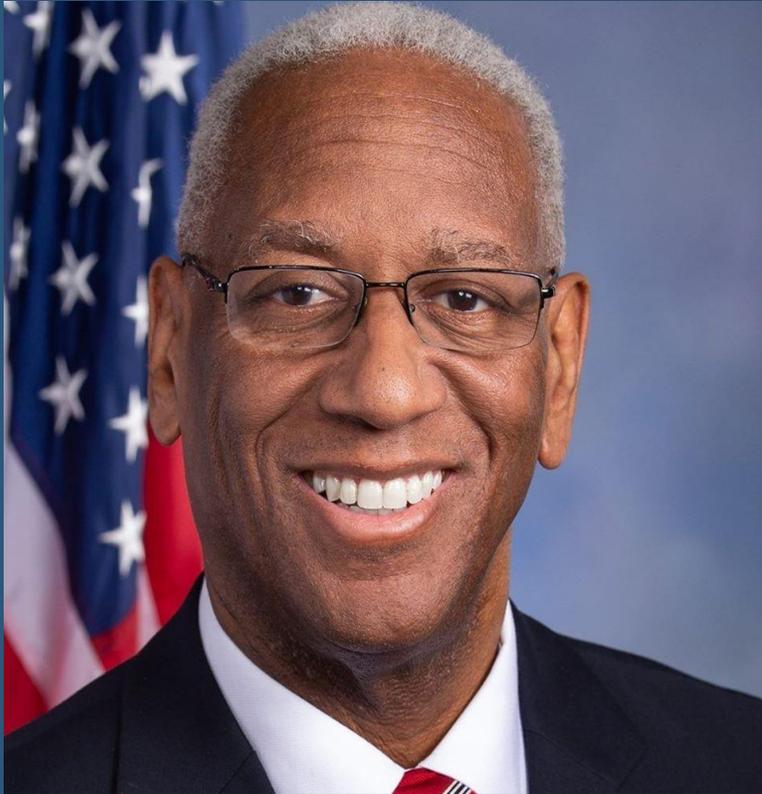


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Fiscal Year 2022 Community Project Funding

- In March 2021, the House Appropriations Committee announced that the committee will accept requests for community project funding (CPF), formerly known as earmarks, for the Fiscal Year 2022 (FY2022) appropriations process.
- This type of direct funding to specific governmental entities, nonprofit organizations, or geographic locations has not been permitted in congressional appropriations in a decade.
- Through the new CPF program, Members of Congress will be able to request direct funding for specific entities and projects in their districts to serve the public good and ensure that taxpayers get a greater say in the federal spending process.

Special Thanks to:

- ❖ Petersburg Federal & State Delegation
- ❖ City Council, Staff, and Residents

THANK YOU