

**Hanover County**  
**Legislative Agenda for 2010 General Assembly Session**

**2010 Legislative Agenda Policy Statements**

- Hanover County supports the protection of its authority regarding local budget decisions and opposes any shifting of funding responsibility from the state to localities for existing mandated programs.
- Hanover County supports the protection of current local authorities including but not limited to eminent domain, revenue authority and land use authority.
- Hanover County supports environmental regulations and programs that are based on sound science, can be implemented in a cost effective manner and in a reasonable time period, and will result in meaningful and demonstrable improvements to the environment
- Hanover County supports equitable reallocation of revenue and service responsibilities between the state and local government to provide for ongoing stability in taxation and the delivery of government services.

**2010 Legislative Agenda Support Statements**

- Support legislation that would provide counties with the same local taxing authority as cities in order that counties can reduce dependence on real estate taxes.
- Support continuing the ban on placement of signs within VDOT rights-of-way.
- Support legislation granting localities general authority to prescribe civil penalties for violations of local ordinances.

**2010 Legislative Agenda Action Statements**

- Request legislation granting localities authority to prescribe civil penalties for violations of local noise ordinances.
- Request that the General Assembly amend Va. Code 46.2-1222.1 to authorize Hanover County to regulate the parking of boats, trailers, recreational and commercial vehicles on secondary roads.
- Request that the General Assembly amend §1-210 to include a provision clarifying that when any act of the General Assembly requires action to be taken on or before a certain deadline, such time period is extended to the next business day when the specified deadline falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.
- Request a legislative study on how the Dillon Rule might be modified to give local governments greater flexibility on matters relating to public safety, land use and revenue.
- Request legislation to delay implementation of Part II, Technical Criteria, of the newly adopted Storm Water Management Regulations to allow state and local policy makers to use sound science to fully consider the funding levels, economic impacts and unintended consequences of such a program.

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