

**ADOPTED POLICY FOR GROCERY STORES
ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

ARLINGTON COUNTY BOARD

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It shall be the policy of Arlington County, Virginia, to support the retention and expansion of existing grocery facilities in Arlington, and to support the construction of new grocery facilities where feasible, appropriate, and in accordance with the County's general land use policies. Recognizing that different areas of the County and different residential and office populations may have differing grocery shopping requirements, County support and assistance will be equally available to independent operators and to major chains.

The Arlington County Board and the staff will seriously consider any reasonable proposal whose purpose is consistent with this policy. Interested parties are encouraged to bring forward suggestions for County action which would accomplish this purpose. Certain specific examples which are considered appropriate are as follows:

1. To seriously consider any reasonable suggestion for modification of County policies and regulations, (such as those pertaining to zoning, site plan, and parking standards) that would support the retention, expansion, or establishment of grocery stores.
2. To strongly encourage grocery operators and landlords to retain grocery stores as major tenants in existing shopping facilities, and to include grocery facilities in their new development projects.
3. To weigh, as part of any land use, zoning, or site plan decision, the impact of that decision on the community's grocery shopping needs.
4. To affirm the involvement of County staff in assisting grocery operators, the use of Arlington County Industrial Development Revenue Bond financing to support grocery store expansion and construction, (subject to the availability of funds) and the use of available financing programs of other agencies.
5. To support alternative approaches, whether publicly or privately initiated, for meeting the grocery shopping needs of special populations. (Examples: Private home delivery, as offered by some independent grocers; transportation programs for the elderly and handicapped, etc.).

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