

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ENTRY OF THE CITY INTO A VEHICLE LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF DOT PARATRANSIT SERVICES

WHEREAS, the DOT Paratransit Program is currently operated by a vendor that uses vendor-owned vehicles, contributing to higher operational costs; and

WHEREAS, common DOT Paratransit rider complaints pertain to vehicle age, ride quality, and cleanliness; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to purchase three electric Ford Transit vans with side-entry wheelchair lifts; and

WHEREAS, leasing City-owned vehicles for use by the DOT Paratransit Program vendor would support cost efficiencies, improve asset oversight, and contribute to the long-term sustainability of the program; and

WHEREAS, such a leasing arrangement would give the City more control over vehicle quality, support the transition to a clean, electric fleet, and address common rider complaints; and

WHEREAS, under such a leasing arrangement, the City would maintain the vehicles and the vendor would be responsible for insurance, charging, cleaning, and coordinating maintenance with the City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 15.2-1800 of the Code of Virginia and Section 2.03 of the City Charter, City Council has the authority to approve and authorize the lease of City owned property to private parties for up to five years without advertising or receiving public bids after a public hearing on such lease has been held.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA:

1. The City Council of the City of Alexandria hereby authorizes the City Manager, or his designee, to execute a vehicle lease agreement with the contracted service vendor for the DOT Paratransit Program enabling the City to provide City owned vehicles for the operation of the DOT Paratransit Program and related transportation services; and
2. This lease agreement is not to exceed five years.

Adopted: _____

ALYIA GASKINS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

GLORIA A. SITTON, CMC, CITY CLERK