

Resolution 2012-R-21

Resolution Towards Greater Transparency and Paperless Governance

Introduced by: CM Jonathan Ebbeler
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WHEREAS, a the Town of Riverdale Park continues to increase its efforts towards sustainable community goals and efforts; and

WHEREAS, moving towards paperless governance is not only fiscally prudent in annual printing and supply costs but allows greater opportunity for transparency in government through timely postings of electronic documents on the town website; and

WHEREAS, Town staff spends an inordinate amount of time preparing Council materials and binders for Worksession and Legislative meetings, duplicating material that over the course of a legislative terms becomes unwieldy; and

WHEREAS, nascent development in technology creates a scalable and easy to deploy document management environment while encouraging collaboration and collegiality through transparency of Council goals and actions; and

WHEREAS, paperless document management systems are deployable on multiple platforms such as tablets, desktops, laptops, smart phones, providing flexibility to both Town Staff and Elected Officials in the creation and dissemination of public information and public work product; and

WHEREAS, paper-based government should be the alternative, not the standard; and

WHEREAS, as elected representatives of Riverdale Park, we have a significant responsibility to provide leadership towards solutions that allow staff to be efficient without adding significant budget costs; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of Riverdale Park is committed to leveraging technology solutions towards greater accountability, fiscal prudence, and transparency to the public.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Town Council of Riverdale Park that we do hereby authorize Town staff to investigate and implement a paperless document management system for Council to opt-into, to be operational no later than FY 2014.


Sara Imhulse, Town Administrator


Vernon Archer, Mayor