

	Agenda Title:	Agenda Date:
	Request to Install Flood Warning Signage on Plum Street & Madison Avenue	February 19, 2026
	Subject/Proposal/Request:	
	Consideration of a resolution requesting VDOT to evaluate the roadways & intersection of Plum Street & Madison Avenue and install signage warning of potential street flooding	
Town of Cape Charles	Attachments:	For Council:
	Resolution 20260219	Action: X Information:
	Staff Contact(s):	Reviewed by:
	Libby Hume, Town Clerk	Rick Keuroglan, Town Manager

Background:

The roadways and intersection of Plum Street and Madison Avenue experience periodic flooding during heavy rainfall, coastal storms, or other severe weather events due to low-lying conditions and drainage limitations. While these flooding events are typically temporary, they can occur quickly and without advance notice, creating hazardous conditions for motorists, pedestrians, and emergency responders.

These roadway conditions are not unique to extreme weather events and may occur during routine heavy rainstorms. Visitors and residents unfamiliar with these areas may not anticipate standing water or reduced roadway visibility.

Item Specifics:

The proposed resolution formally requests that the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), which maintains jurisdiction over the affected roadways, evaluate the locations within the Town that are prone to flooding and consider installing appropriate warning signage. Such signage would alert drivers to the potential for roadway flooding during inclement weather and promote safer driving behavior.

The installation of warning signage is intended as a proactive safety measure and serves as a practical and cost-effective approach to reducing risk.

Approval of the resolution would authorize Town staff to coordinate with VDOT to confirm the suitable locations, language, design and placement consistent with VDOT standards.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that Town Council adopt the resolution requesting that the Virginia Department of Transportation evaluate the roadways and intersection of Plum Street and Madison Avenue and install warning signage indicating the potential for street flooding during heavy rain or storm events.