

April 8th, 2025
Town Council
Regular Meeting
Res. No.

**A RESOLUTION DIRECTING TOWN STAFF TO INITIATE THE PROCESS TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE TO
ESTABLISH A PERMENANT PARKLET PROGRAM WITHIN THE TOWN**

WHEREAS, Warrenton, VA (Hereinafter "the Town") is a municipal corporation located within the County of Fauquier; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council recognizes the value of enhancing public spaces and promoting active, pedestrian-friendly areas within the Town; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 public health emergency, the Town implemented a temporary parklet program, RollOutWarrenton!, under the emergency provisions authorized by the Virginia General Assembly to support local businesses, enable outdoor dining, and ensure safe social distancing; and

WHEREAS, the temporary parklet initiative proved successful in activating public spaces, increasing outdoor amenities, and contributing to the vitality of the downtown and commercial areas; and

WHEREAS, a permanent Parklet Program would provide a clear and consistent framework for the development, approval, maintenance, and operation of parklets within the Town, while ensuring appropriate oversight, safety, accessibility, and design standards; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to build upon the lessons learned from the emergency program to establish a sustainable, equitable, and well-managed initiative that supports placemaking, economic vitality, and public enjoyment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of [Warrenton, Virginia, that the Town Manager, Town Attorney, and appropriate staff are hereby directed to initiate the process of drafting an ordinance to establish a formal Parklet Program, including but not limited to:

- Developing proposed design standards, application procedures, and operating requirements;
- Identifying appropriate locations or zoning districts where parklets may be permitted;
- Reviewing lessons learned and public feedback from the temporary COVID-era parklet program;
- Coordinating with relevant departments and stakeholders to assess infrastructure, accessibility, and public safety considerations;
- Seeking public input and engagement throughout the development process.;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Town staff shall present a draft ordinance and supporting materials for review and consideration by the Town Council within a reasonable timeframe;

ATTACHMENT: None

Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:

Absent from Meeting:

For Information:

Town Attorney

ATTEST: _____

Town Recorder