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Attached please find a copy of a Notice of Public Hearings advertisement to be published in the legal notice section in the Journal February 21, 2018 and February 28, 2018.

Please send the invoice for these publications to the Town of Altavista, P. O. Box 420, Altavista, VA 24517.

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ALTAVISTA TOWN COUNCIL
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

- I. PROPOSED NEW ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING STAUNTON RIVER REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY
- II. PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENTS TO NUISANCE ORDINANCE

The Altavista Town Council will hold two public hearings on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Room of the Altavista Municipal Building, 510 Seventh Street.

- I. The Town Council will consider a proposed New Ordinance Establishing Staunton River Regional Industrial Facilities Authority. Town Council is proposing to join in a regional industrial facilities authority with the Town of Hurt, Pittsylvania County and the City of Danville to be called the Staunton River Regional Industrial Facilities Authority (SRRIFA). The purpose of the SRRIFA is to facilitate the development of the Southern Virginia Multimodal Park (SVMP), formerly the Klopman Mills site, in the Town of Hurt and northern Pittsylvania County. The four localities will share in the cost of development of the SVMP and will share the revenue generated by industrial facilities established in the SVMP. The proposed ordinance establishing the SRRIFA is to be enacted by the four participating localities and is a pre-requisite to Altavista's participation therein.
- II. The Town Council will consider proposed text amendments to Chapter 34 of the Town Code relative to public nuisances and dilapidated properties as follows:
 - 1. **Sec. 34-31. Definitions.** Definition of "public nuisance" amended to remove reference to animals (moved to new Section 34-31.1).

Definitions added for "primary enclosure" (of animals), "responsible party" for property (including animals) and "stagnant water".
 - 2. **Sec. 34-31.1. Specific Conditions or Activities Constituting a Public Nuisance.** New section added setting forth twelve (12) specific conditions or activities the existence of which are presumed to constitute a public nuisance.
 - 3. **Sec. 34-31.2. Public Nuisances Prohibited.** New section added explicitly stating that public nuisances are prohibited.
 - 4. **Sec. 34-31.3. Animal enclosures to be kept clean.** New section added to require responsible parties for animals kept in enclosures to keep those enclosures free of accumulated contaminants such as feces, etc.
 - 5. **Sec. 34-32. Procedure (for dealing with public nuisances).** Section amended to clarify procedure when an apparent public nuisance exists. Amendments are intended to

establish a fair and reasonable process whereby responsible parties are given adequate notice and opportunity to be heard and abate public nuisances when found to exist.

6. **Sec. 34-33. Animals (procedure related to).** Amends section which provides procedure for dealing with apparent public nuisance animals to use “responsible party” in place of “owner”.

7. **Sec. 34-34. Costs of abatement taxed.** Amends section to use “responsible party” in place of “owner”.

8. **Sec. 34-37. Enforcement by Injunction.** Section amended to clarify that enforcement may be requested by injunction in the Circuit Court of Campbell County.

9. **Sec. 34-38. Civil Penalties.** Changes enforcement of ordinance from criminal penalties to a system of civil penalties which may be levied without court action. Repeat offenders may be subject to criminal prosecution.

Copies of the proposed SRRIFA Ordinance and the proposed text amendments to the Nuisance Ordinance may be viewed during regular business hours in the Altavista Municipal Building at 510 7th Street.

The public and all interested parties are invited to attend this public hearing to make their views known on the proposed SRRIFA Ordinance and text amendments to the Nuisance Ordinances. The Town of Altavista does not discriminate on the basis of handicap status in admission or access to its programs or activities. Accommodations will be made to handicapped persons upon prior request by contacting Town Hall at (434) 369-5001.

Waverly Coggsdale, Town Manager