

SUBJECT – Testimony for Council Bill No. 8-2019

Date: February 27, 2019

To: Lonnie R. Robbins Chief Administrative Officer

From: Jennifer Sager Legislative Coordinator

Under current Section 16.510 of the County Code, renters of mobile home sites are required to pay a percentage of the site rent to the County in the form of a tax, which is collected and remitted by the mobile home park licensee. Council Bill No. 8-2019 proposes to repeal the mobile home site rental tax as of July 1, 2019 and will affect approximately 1,000 County residents in 12 mobile home parks.

Repealing the tax will help to lessen the fiscal burden that residents in our mobile home parks face. Mobile home parks also provide alternative affordable housing options for residents, which is underscored by affordable housing shortages throughout the county. To repeal the tax will mean less financial strain on a segment of the County's population that already faces significant fiscal hardship, and further acknowledgement that the County must come together to address housing affordability in the long-term.

Approximately \$650,000 of revenue collected annually under this Section that has supported the services and initiatives paid through the General Fund will be relinquished.

cc: Janet Irvin