



## **FY 2022 Recommended Budget**

### Budget Question

**Board Question #: 10**

**BUDGET QUESTION:** Please provide the responses to last year's budget questions pertaining to business property thresholds and/or credits.

**RESPONDING DEPARTMENT/OFFICE:** Budget Office

**RESPONSE:** Please see attached the responses to two questions asked during the FY 2021 Budget development process.

**ESTIMATE OF STAFF TIME SPENT ON RESPONSE:**



## FY 2021 Recommended Budget Budget Question

### Board Question #: 1

**BUDGET QUESTION:** Does the County have the ability to set a threshold for personal property tax on business furniture and fixtures such that until a business reached a certain threshold, it would not have to pay the tax?

**RESPONDING DEPARTMENT/OFFICE:** County Attorney

**RESPONSE:** No. The County has no authority to change the threshold\* set in the Virginia Code. However, the County is able to set for business furniture and fixtures a different, and lower, tax rate than the general tangible personal property rate.

\*Virginia law requires counties to tax all tangible personal property having a value that generates \$15 or more of tax.

**ESTIMATE OF STAFF TIME SPENT ON RESPONSE:** 24 hours



## FY 2021 Recommended Budget Budget Question

Board Question #: 56

**BUDGET QUESTION:** In follow-up to the previously answered Question 1, since there is no authority to change the business furniture and fixtures threshold to anything greater than the \$15 currently permitted by State Code, could the County instead give taxpayers a credit towards the business furniture and fixtures?

**RESPONDING DEPARTMENT/OFFICE:** County Attorney

**RESPONSE:** No. Virginia law requires counties to tax all tangible personal property having a value that generates \$15 or more of tax. There is no authority within State Code to grant a credit or exemption for tangible personal property.

**ESTIMATE OF STAFF TIME SPENT ON RESPONSE:**