**Bill Proposed to the General Assembly of Virginia by the City Council of Newport News to Allow Establishment of Geographic Exclusion Zones for Prostitution**

**House Bill No.\_\_\_\_\_ / Senate Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_\_**

**2012 Session**

*A bill to create and enact § 15.2-1250 of the Code of Virginia to allow localities to establish by ordinance enhanced enforcement areas to deter street prostitution.*

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 15.2-1250 is hereby added to the Code of Virginia is enacted as follows:**

*§15.2-1250. Establishment of Enhanced Enforcement Areas to Deter Street Prostitution*

*A. The governing body of any county, city, or town may provide by ordinance for the*

*establishment of an enhanced enforcement area to deter street prostitution if, in the opinion of the governing body, the conduct of prostitutes and those that solicit prostitutes establishes a concern for the safety, health, good order and morals of the general public.*

*B. For the purposes of this section, establishing an enhanced enforcement area is a process of limiting those subjects convicted of violations of §18.2-346, §18.2-347, §18.2-348, §18.2-349,§18.2-355, §18.2-356, §18.l2-357, or of a similar ordinance of any county, city or town, by establishing areas of restricted access to public right of way or public property based on prostitution related data.*

*C. A violation of the enhanced enforcement area as proscribed by this section shall not*

*constitute greater than a class 1 misdemeanor.*

*D. Upon conviction for offenses listed in subsection B, the offender will receive written*

*instructions and a detailed map of those areas designated as restricted access by city*

*ordinance. The restricted access, however, shall not exclude:*

*1. Attending a meeting with an attorney;*

*2. Attending an appointment with a social service provider;*

*3. Complying with court-or corrections-ordered obligations;*

*4. Contacting criminal justice personnel at a criminal justice facility;*

*5. Attending any administrative or judicial hearing;*

*6. Traveling through the restricted access area by vehicle;*

*7. Residing in a dwelling or facility*

*8. Obtaining education by enrolling as a student at an educational facility or attending school at an educational facility;*

*9. Working as the owner, principal, agent or employee at a place of lawful employment;*

*10. Performing work directly related to lawful employment.*

*Source: Minutes of the Newport News City Council,*

*<http://www.nngov.com/city-council/agendas-and-minutes/2011-agendas/e-copy%20WS%20Agenda%2010%2025%2011%20%20Reduced.pdf>*