

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: FEBRUARY 2, 2012

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: RASHAD M. YOUNG, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF THE KING STREET TREE LIGHT DISPLAY THROUGH MARCH 2012

In FY 2012, the lighting program began the week before Thanksgiving and was scheduled to end on January 31, 2012 consistent with budget appropriations. I have decided to extend the King Street Lighting Program through March 2012 similar to City Council's decision for FY 2011.

In FY 2011, the King Street Lighting Program, established to operate one week before Thanksgiving through the end of January, was extended by City Council to continue through March 2011. Continuing the program beyond January incurs more electrical expenses. The estimated cost to extend the lighting program for 60 days is approximately \$9,667.20 (\$161.12/day). Light strands that break or burn out during this time are not replaced. I have asked the Office of Management and Budget to identify non-departmental funds to support this.

Each holiday season, the City of Alexandria installs lights in approximately 250 trees along the King Street corridor from the Potomac River to the King Street Metro station, including the 100 blocks north and south of King Street on Washington and Union Streets, and around City Hall on North Royal, Cameron, and North Fairfax Streets.

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