

RESOLUTION



Chamber of Commerce

Front Royal – Warren County Chamber of Commerce

RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO WAL-MART LOCATING IN FRONT ROYAL

WHEREAS, the mission of the Chamber of Commerce is to promote and encourage growth and development of new and existing members, businesses, and tourism in the community; and

WHEREAS, the information provided in the Wal-Mart application regarding improvements to the intersection of US 340/522 and Route 55 would only serve as a short-term remedy and are inadequate for the long-term correction of the congestion at that intersection; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has concern about the traffic study conducted by Wal-Mart based on the time of the year (March) and days of the week (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday) that the study was conducted; and

WHEREAS, Tourism traffic numbers provided by the Town of Front Royal Visitor Center indicates that three times as many visitors register at the visitor center in the fall months as they do in March, and twice as many register in the summer months as they do in March; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors strongly disagree with the statement in the Wal-Mart narrative submission under the heading of public safety that "there are no anticipated adverse or special effects on the public health, safety or welfare associated with this proposed development; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors are certain that Wal-Mart located directly across the road from an elementary school and increased traffic congestion it will create will adversely affect not only the students but residents in the area; and

WHEREAS, protecting the visual beauty and identity of our town and gateways is essential to tourism promotion; and