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FRALEY v. TOWN OF PURCELLVILLE UPDATE

PURCELLVILLE, Va. August 12, 2020 — On May 22, 2020, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia dismissed the case of *Fraley v. Town of Purcellville, et al.*, finding that the lawsuit was without merit and failed to state any claims under Virginia or Federal law. Mr. Fraley, a former police officer for the Town of Purcellville, had sued numerous defendants, including the Town, relating to his former employment. The federal court’s dismissal was without prejudice, meaning that Mr. Fraley had a right to amend his lawsuit within thirty days. Within that period, Mr. Fraley filed a Second Amended Complaint in the federal court. The Town of Purcellville and the other defendants again moved to dismiss all of the claims as unfounded and improper. On August 3, 2020, Mr. Fraley voluntarily dismissed his federal court lawsuit against the Town of Purcellville and other defendants.

The next day, on August 4, 2020, Mr. Fraley re-filed a lawsuit against the Town and other defendants in the Loudoun County Circuit Court. The new lawsuit does not contain any federal law claims. The Town denies Mr. Fraley’s allegations and will vigorously defend this new lawsuit.

The Town of Purcellville, Virginia

“Purcellville-your small Town, where history and progress intersect and people prosper,” is an award-winning town of over 10,000 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 50 miles west of Washington, DC. Having received the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities, Purcellville continues to be honored for its green initiatives with most recently being the Tree City USA recipient for the 12th year. The Town was reaffirmed as a AAA rated community by S&P Global Ratings, the highest credit rating possible, and is ranked “Safest City” in Virginia in 2020. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, which has been converted to a multi-use trail from Alexandria, VA to Purcellville, the Town has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiquing, equestrian activities, farmer’s markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at www.purcellvilleva.gov.

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