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## **FRALEY v. TOWN OF PURCELLVILLE UPDATE**

**PURCELLVILLE, Va. June 15, 2021** — On August 4, 2020, former police officer Kris Fraley filed a lawsuit against the Town of Purcellville and several other defendants in the Loudoun County Circuit Court, relating to his former employment. Mr. Fraley had previously filed a similar lawsuit in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, which the federal court dismissed on May 22, 2020, finding that the lawsuit was without merit and failed to state any claims under Virginia or Federal law.

In the current Loudoun County Circuit Court case, Fraley alleged 5 separate claims against the Town. On June 7, 2020, the Loudoun County Circuit Court dismissed 4 out of the 5 claims with prejudice, finding that the Town was entitled to Sovereign Immunity for the types of claims made against it, and that the claims are barred. The Town continues to defend the 5<sup>th</sup> and final claim, and has a motion pending to dismiss the final claim later this month.

### **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 13<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.purcellvilleva.gov).

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