

INTRODUCED: April 24, 2023

A RESOLUTION No. 2023-R022

To repeal Res. No. 2020-R025, adopted Mar. 16, 2020, and concur with the Mayor’s judgment that all emergency actions have been taken with regard to and therefore end the local emergency that existed as a result of the potential spread of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus known as “COVID-19,” to which the Council consented via Res. No. 2020-R025, adopted Mar. 16, 2020.

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Patron – Mayor Stoney  
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Approved as to form and legality  
by the City Attorney  
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PUBLIC HEARING: MAY 8 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Richmond, as the City’s Director of Emergency Management, declared that a local emergency existed as a result of the potential spread of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2020-R025, adopted March 16, 2020, and pursuant to section 44-146.21(A) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, the Council of the City of Richmond consented to the Mayor’s declaration of such local emergency; and

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ADOPTED:      MAY 8 2023      REJECTED: \_\_\_\_\_    STRICKEN: \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, the Mayor now indicates that the basis for his declaration of such local emergency has ended; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 44-146.21(A) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, the Council must take appropriate action to end this declared emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE,

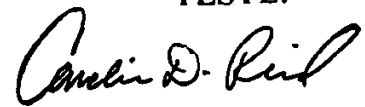
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND:

That, pursuant to section 44-146.21(A) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, the Council concurs with the Mayor's judgment that all emergency actions have been taken with regard to and therefore hereby ends the local emergency to which the Council consented via Resolution No. 2020-R025, adopted March 16, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That, pursuant to section 44-146.21(A) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, Resolution No. 2020-R025, adopted March 16, 2020, concerning the Council's consent to the Mayor's declaration of a local emergency as a result of the potential spread of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus, be and is hereby repealed.

**A TRUE COPY:  
TESTE:**



**City Clerk**



# City of Richmond

## Intracity Correspondence

**O&R REQUEST**

**DATE:** March 15, 2023 **EDITION:** 1

**TO:** The Honorable Members of City Council

**THROUGH:** The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor

**THROUGH:** J.E. Lincoln Saunders, Chief Administrative Officer

**THROUGH:** Elaine S. Perry, MD, MS  
Director, Richmond and Henrico Health Districts

**FROM:** Stephen Willoughby, Director and Coordinator of Emergency Management,  
Department of Emergency Communications, Preparedness and Response

**RE:** Termination of declared State of Emergency in the City of Richmond due to the  
2019 Novel Coronavirus, known as "COVID-19"

**ORD. OR RES. No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**PURPOSE:** To end local state of emergency declared because of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus pandemic (Resolution No. 2020-R025.)

**REASON:** Based upon the current COVID-19 trends, the Department of Health and Human Services is planning for the federal Public Health Emergency for COVID-19 is to expire at the end of the day on May 11, 2023.

Because of reduced threats to public health and public safety arising from COVID-19, reduced transmission and community spread of COVID-19, increased COVID-19 vaccination rates, and enhanced capacity to contend with existing infections, the measures originally undertaken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic are deemed no longer necessary, and therefore a state of emergency no longer exists in the City in regard to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus.

The City's termination of the declared emergency relating COVID-19 would coincide with the recession of the Federal declaration.

This resolution should in no way be interpreted to signify that the COVID-19 pandemic is over. The City of Richmond continues to recommend vaccinations and boosters for all who are eligi-

ble, social distancing measures for those infected or ineligible for vaccination, and all other precautions to reduce transmission and minimize harm from COVID-19 in the community.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The City Administration recommends adoption.

**BACKGROUND:** In 2020, the Mayor of the City of Richmond, as the City's Director of Emergency Management, Virginia Code 44.146.19, determined that a local emergency should be declared due to potential threats to public health and public safety arising from expected impacts from the COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

The Virginia Emergency Services and Disaster Law Virginia Code, 44-146.21 provides that the declaration of any emergency by the local Director of Emergency Management is subject to confirmation by the local governing body at its next regularly scheduled meeting or at a special meeting within 45 days of the declaration, whichever occurs first. That, on March 16, 2020, in accordance with section 44-146.21(A) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, the Council of the City of Richmond consented to the declaration made by the Mayor of the City of Richmond in his role as Director of Emergency Management that a local emergency existed in the city of Richmond due to the potential spread of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus known as "COVID-19."

**FISCAL IMPACT / COST:** N/A

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:** N/A

**BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY:** No

**REVENUE TO CITY:** N/A

**DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE:** May 11, 2023 (consistent with expiration of federal declaration)

**REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE:** April 24, 2023

**CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE:** May 8, 2023

**REQUESTED AGENDA:** Consent Agenda

**RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE:** Public Safety

**CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES:** Richmond and Henrico Health District

**AFFECTED AGENCIES:** All City departments.

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**RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.:** Resolution 2020-R025

**REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S):** N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:** Resolution 2020-R025

**STAFF:** Stephen M. Willoughby, Director and Coordinator of Emergency Management