

INTRODUCED: September 10, 2018

AN ORDINANCE No. 2018-229

To amend ch. 16, art. I of the City Code by adding therein a new § 16-1, to provide definitions of certain terms.

Patron – Ms. Robertson

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: SEPT 24 2018 AT 6 P.M.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That Chapter 16, Article I of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015) be and is hereby amended and reordained by **adding therein a new** section 16-1 as follows:

Sec. 16-1. Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter, the following words and terms have the meaning set forth in this section, unless the context clearly indicates that a different meaning is intended:

Affordable income household, extremely low income means a household with a household gross income adjusted for family size by the United States Department of Housing and Urban

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Development that is 30 percent of area median income, which household pays no more than 30 percent of household gross income for housing.

Affordable income household, very low income means a household with a household gross income adjusted for family size by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development that is between 31 percent and 50 percent of area median income, which household pays no more than 30 percent of household gross income for housing.

Affordable income household, low income means a household with a household gross income adjusted for family size by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development that is between 51 percent and 80 percent of area median income, which household pays no more than 30 percent of household gross income for housing.

Workforce income household, middle income means a household with a household gross income adjusted for family size by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development that is between 81 percent and 100 percent of area median income.

Workforce income household, above median income means a household with a household gross income adjusted for family size by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development that is above 100 percent of area median income.

§ 2. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.



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Ordinance/Resolution Request

TO Allen Jackson, City Attorney

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TITLE **Define Affordable and Workforce Income Households**

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This is a request for the drafting of an **Ordinance** **Resolution**

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

Councilwoman Robertson

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

Land Use, Housing & Transportation

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

The patron requests an ordinance to formally establish definitions of Affordable and Workforce Income Households to provide a clear and unified understanding to be used and applied by the City uniformly.

BACKGROUND

The patron believes that the City should establish specific definitions for the multiple levels of income households to provide a unified understanding of each and to uniformly apply these definitions when discussing affordability and affordable housing within the City, including when establishing income level threshold for any future legislation. The patron proposes the following definitions:

Affordable Income Households:

Extremely Low Income (ELI): Households with income at or below the Poverty Guidelines of 30% of Area Median Income (AMI) for the Richmond-Petersburg Metropolitan Statistical Area; whichever is greater, and paying no more than 30% of income for housing.

Very Low Income (VLI): Households with income between 31% and 50% of Area Median Income (AMI) for the Richmond-Petersburg Metropolitan Statistical Area, and paying no more than 30% of income for housing.

Low Income (LI): Households with income between 51% and 80% of Area Median Income (AMI) for the Richmond-Petersburg Metropolitan Statistical Area, and paying no more than 30% of income for housing.

Workforce Income Households:

Middle Income (MI): Households with income between 81% and 100% of Area Median Income (AMI) for the Richmond-Petersburg Metropolitan Statistical Area.

Above Median Income (AMI): Households with income above 100% of Area Median Income (AMI) for the Richmond-Petersburg Metropolitan Statistical Area.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal Impact Yes No

Budget Amendment Required Yes No

Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact N/A

Attachment/s Yes No