

INTRODUCED: April 14, 2025

AN ORDINANCE No. 2025-

As Amended

To authorize the special use of the property known as 2618 Rear West Main Street for the purpose of a multifamily dwelling containing up to four dwelling units, upon certain terms and conditions.

Patron – Mayor Avula (By Request)

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING:

AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, the owner of the property known as 2618 Rear West Main Street, which is situated in a R-7 Single – and Two- Family Urban Residential District, desires to use such property for the purpose of a multifamily dwelling containing up to four dwelling units, which use, among other things, is not currently allowed by sections 30-413.2, concerning permitted principal uses, 30-413.6, concerning yards, 30-413.7, concerning lot coverage, and 30-610.1, concerning public street frontage and access easements, of the Code of the City of Richmond (2020), as amended; and

WHEREAS in accordance with section 17.11 of the Charter of the City of Richmond (2020), as amended, it has been made to appear that, if granted subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this ordinance, the special use granted by this ordinance will not be detrimental to the

AYES: _____ NOES: _____ ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: _____ REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

safety, health, morals and general welfare of the community involved, will not tend to create congestion in streets, roads, alleys and other public ways and places in the area involved, will not create hazards from fire, panic or other dangers, will not tend to overcrowding of land and cause an undue concentration of population, will not adversely affect or interfere with public or private schools, parks, playgrounds, water supplies, sewage disposal, transportation or other public requirements, conveniences and improvements, and will not interfere with adequate light and air; and

WHEREAS, (i) the City Planning Commission has conducted a public hearing to investigate the circumstances and conditions upon which the Council is empowered to authorize such use, (ii) the City Planning Commission has reported to the Council the results of such public hearing and investigation and its recommendations with respect thereto, and (iii) the Council has conducted a public hearing on this ordinance at which the person in interest and all other persons have had an opportunity to be heard;

NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. **Finding.** Pursuant to section 30-1050.1 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2020), as amended, the Council hereby finds that the special use set forth in and subject to the terms and conditions of this ordinance will not (i) be detrimental to the safety, health, morals and general welfare of the community involved, (ii) tend to create congestion in streets, roads, alleys and other public ways and places in the area involved, (iii) create hazards from fire, panic or other dangers, (iv) tend to overcrowding of land and cause an undue concentration of population, (v) adversely affect or interfere with public or private schools, parks, playgrounds, water supplies, sewage disposal, transportation or other public requirements, conveniences and improvements, or

(vi) interfere with adequate light and air.

§ 2. Grant of Special Use Permit.

(a) Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this ordinance, the property known as 2618 Rear West Main Street and identified as Tax Parcel No. W000-1162/062 in the 2025 records of the City Assessor, being more particularly shown on a survey entitled “Topographic Survey Showing 0.097 Acre of Land Known as Parcel ID: W0001162062, City of Richmond, Virginia,” prepared by ThomaSurveying, P.C., and dated November 3, 2023, a copy of which is attached to and made a part of this ordinance, hereinafter referred to as “the Property,” is hereby permitted to be used for the purpose of a multifamily dwelling containing up to four dwelling units, hereinafter referred to as “the Special Use,” substantially as shown on the plans entitled “2618 W Main St, Richmond, VA 23220,” prepared by ADO/Architecture Design Office, [~~and~~] dated May 21, 2024, and last revised June 4, 2025, hereinafter referred to as “the Plans,” copies of which are attached to and made a part of this ordinance.

(b) The adoption of this ordinance shall constitute the issuance of a special use permit for the Property. The special use permit shall inure to the benefit of the owner or owners of the fee simple title to the Property as of the date on which this ordinance is adopted and their successors in fee simple title, all of which are hereinafter referred to as “the Owner.” The conditions contained in this ordinance shall be binding on the Owner.

§ 3. Special Terms and Conditions. This special use permit is conditioned on the following special terms and conditions:

(a) The Special Use of the Property shall be as a multifamily dwelling containing up to four dwelling units, substantially as shown on the Plans.

(b) No fewer than four off-street parking spaces shall be [~~required~~] provided for the

Special Use.

- (c) The height of the Special Use shall be substantially as shown on the Plans.
- (d) All building materials, elevations, and site improvements, including landscaping and walkways, shall be substantially as shown on the Plans.
- (e) All mechanical equipment serving the Property shall be located or screened so as not to be visible from any public right-of-way.
- (f) No fence or landscape wall shall be permitted within five feet of any public right-of-way, except substantially as shown on the Plans. No fences on the Property shall exceed six and one-half feet in height.
- (g) Lighting levels along the alley rights-of-way shall meet the requirements of the City of Richmond Street Light Policy and “Section II_02, Street Light and Electric Distribution Design Standards,” prepared by the City of Richmond Department of Public Utilities and dated January 2022. The Owner, at its sole cost and expense, shall provide any further lighting necessary to meet the requirements of the City of Richmond Street Light Policy and the Street Light and Electric Distribution Design Standards along the full length of the alley right-of-way serving the Property, prior to issuance of any Certificate of Occupancy.

§ 4. **Supplemental Terms and Conditions.** This special use permit is conditioned on the following supplemental terms and conditions:

- (a) All required final grading and drainage plans, together with all easements made necessary by such plans, must be approved by the Director of Public Utilities prior to the issuance of the building permit.
- (b) Storm or surface water shall not be allowed to accumulate on the land. The Owner, at its sole cost and expense, shall provide and maintain at all times adequate facilities for the

drainage of storm or surface water from the Property so as not to adversely affect or damage any other property or public streets and the use thereof.

(c) Facilities for the collection of refuse shall be provided in accordance with the requirements of the Director of Public Works. Such facilities shall be located or screened so as not to be visible from adjacent properties and public streets.

(d) Any encroachments existing, proposed on the Plans or contemplated in the future shall require separate authorization and shall be subject to the applicable provisions of the Code of the City of Richmond (2020), as amended, and all future amendments to such laws.

(e) The Owner shall make improvements within the right-of way, including the following: (i) maintenance of alley surfaces from the street to the Property and reconstruction of any associated substandard curb-cut entrances as determined necessary by the Director of Public Works or the designee thereof; (ii) installation of “No Parking” signs as determined necessary by the Director of Public Works or the designee thereof; and (iii) repair, at the sole cost of the Owner, of any damage done to the existing materials within the right-of-way of the alley during construction of the Special Use. Such right-of-way improvements may be completed in one or more phases as approved by the Director of Public Works. All improvements and work within the public right-of-way shall be (i) completed in accordance with the requirements of the Director of Public Works, (ii) considered completed only upon written confirmation by the Director of Public Works or the designee thereof that such improvements and work are in accordance with such requirements, (iii) transferred to the City, following the written confirmation by the Director of Public Works or the designee thereof, pursuant to a transfer of interest document approved as to form by the City Attorney and accepted by the Chief Administrative Officer or the designee thereof on behalf of the City. The Chief Administrative Officer or the designee thereof, for and on behalf of the City, is hereby authorized to

accept, in the manner for which this subsection provides, all improvements and work required by and meeting the requirements of this subsection. The final certificate of occupancy shall not be issued for the Property until all requirements of this subsection are fully satisfied.

(f) In all other respects, the use of the Property shall be in accordance with the applicable underlying zoning regulations.

§ 5. **General Terms and Conditions.** This special use permit is conditioned on the following general terms and conditions:

(a) No permit implementing this special use permit shall be approved until satisfactory evidence has been presented to the Zoning Administrator that any delinquent real estate taxes applicable to the Property have been paid.

(b) The Owner shall be bound by, shall observe and shall comply with all other laws, ordinances, rules and regulations applicable to the Property, except as otherwise expressly provided in this ordinance.

(c) Words and phrases used in this ordinance shall be interpreted to have the meanings ascribed to them by section 30-1220 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2020), as amended, unless the context clearly indicates that a different meaning is intended.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this special use permit is being approved due, in part, to the mitigating effects of each and every condition attached hereto; consequently, if any portion of this ordinance is determined to be invalid for any reason by a final, non-appealable order of any Virginia or federal court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity shall cause the entire ordinance to be void and of no further effect from the effective date of such order.

(e) The privileges granted by this ordinance may be revoked pursuant to the provisions of sections 30-1050.7 through 30-1050.11 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2020), as

amended, and all future amendments to such laws. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of this ordinance shall constitute a violation of section 30-1080 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2020), as amended, and all future amendments to such law, or any other applicable laws or regulations.

(f) When the privileges granted by this ordinance terminate and the special use permit granted hereby becomes null and void, whether as a result of the Owner relinquishing this special use permit in a writing addressed to the Director of Planning and Development Review or otherwise, use of the Property shall be governed thereafter by the zoning regulations prescribed for the district in which the Property is then situated.

§ 6. **Implementation.** The Commissioner of Buildings is authorized to issue a building permit substantially in accordance with the Plans for the Special Use subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this ordinance. An application for the building permit shall be made within 1,096 calendar days following the date on which this ordinance becomes effective. If either the application for the building permit is not made within the time period stated in the previous sentence or the building permit terminates under any provision of the Virginia Statewide Building Code, this ordinance and the special use permit granted hereby shall terminate and become null and void.

§ 7. **Effective Date.** This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.