



CITY OF RICHMOND

PLANNING COMMISSION

November 4, 2019

**RESOLUTION #2019.110
MOTION OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND PLANNING COMMISSION**

**TO DECLARE AN INTENT TO TASK PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW
STAFF WITH STUDYING THE APPROPRIATENESS AND FEASIBILITY OF
PERMITTING ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS IN THE
CITY OF RICHMOND.**

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 15.2-2286 of the Code of Virginia an amendment to the zoning regulations or district maps may be initiated by motion of the City of Richmond Planning Commission provided any such motion or resolution of the Commission proposing an amendment to the regulations or district maps shall state the public purposes therefore; and

WHEREAS, Richmond City is experiencing both an significant increase in population and a shortage of housing options; and

WHEREAS, Accessory Dwelling Units are a means of providing a separate dwelling unit on the same lot as a single-family residential unit for a family member or a renter; and

WHEREAS, localities across the country and in the Commonwealth have passed ordinances to allow Accessory Dwelling Units; and

WHEREAS, there has been significant interest in the potential of Accessory Dwelling Units in Richmond, as well as some opposition; and

WHEREAS, in order to determine the best way to proceed, serious study and public input is necessary; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Planning Commission hereby concludes that it is appropriate to task the Planning and Development Review staff to study the appropriateness and feasibility of allowing Accessory Dwelling Units in Residential zoning districts in the city.



Rodney Poole
Chair, City Planning Commission



Matthew Ebinger
Secretary, City Planning Commission