



CITY OF RICHMOND

PLANNING COMMISSION

June 1, 2015

MOTION OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND PLANNING COMMISSION

TO DECLARE AN INTENT TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALTERING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE POSTING OF PUBLIC NOTIFICATION SIGNS IN CONJUNCTION WITH PUBLIC HEARINGS

WHEREAS, Section 15.2-2286 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, provides that a zoning ordinance may include, among other things, reasonable regulations and provisions for the amendment of regulations from time to time; and

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 of the Commission proposing an amendment to the regulations or district maps shall state the public purposes therefore; and

WHEREAS, good zoning practice dictates that the comprehensive zoning plan be amended as required to reflect current conditions and trends in land use; and

WHEREAS, the purposes of zoning cited in the Code of Virginia include facilitating the creation of a convenient, attractive harmonious community, encouraging economic development and enlarging the tax base and providing for public safety and preventing congestion in the streets; and

WHEREAS, the City has adopted a Master Plan which, among other things, suggests the appropriate land use for all of the neighborhoods of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Code of Virginia provides, "the local planning commission shall not recommend nor the governing body adopt any plan, ordinance or amendment thereto until notice of intention to do so has been published once a week for two successive weeks in a newspaper published or having general circulation in the locality"; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this ordinance is to provide interested parties with an additional notification process for zoning ordinance related public hearings held by the Planning Commission and City Council; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive notification procedure will help identify and potentially resolve issues affecting all interested parties prior to the required public hearings.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION:

That in accordance with section 15.2-2286 of the Code of Virginia, the City Planning Commission hereby declares that the public necessity, convenience, general welfare and good zoning practices of the City require that an amendment to the zoning ordinance should be drafted for the purpose of amending the zoning ordinance concerning creation of requirements concerning the posting of public notification signs in conjunction with public hearings.

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Rodney Poole
Chair, City Planning Commission

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Lory Markham
Secretary, City Planning Commission