

INTRODUCED: June 24, 2019

A RESOLUTION No. 2019-R022

As Amended

To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the Director of Public Works to present to the Council a plan for security measures and cost estimates providing for the installation and use of metal detectors at City Hall and providing, to the extent permitted by the U.S. and Va. Constitutions and applicable law, for procedures governing the search of persons entering City Hall for weapons.

Patron – Mr. Jones

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: JULY 22 2019 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of the May 31, 2019, mass shooting at certain municipal offices of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, in which 12 people were reportedly killed by an employee of that locality, the Governor of Virginia announced that he will convene a special session of the General Assembly of Virginia on July 9, 2019, for Virginia lawmakers to consider gun-control legislation; and

WHEREAS, Administrative Regulation No. 4.13 of the City's Administrative Regulations prohibits employees from possessing, carrying, housing, or using firearms while on City-owned real property, but section 15.2-195 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended,

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prohibits the City, like other localities within the Commonwealth of Virginia, from adopting or enforcing any ordinance, resolution, motion, or administrative action that might prohibit or otherwise regulate the possession or carrying of firearms in municipal buildings by citizens and visitors into such buildings; and

WHEREAS, in light of the tragic mass shooting in Virginia Beach, Virginia, the Council believes that it is in the best interests of the employees and the citizens of the City of Richmond that the Council request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the Director of Public Works to present to the Council a plan for security measures and cost estimates providing for the installation and use of metal detectors at City Hall and providing, to the extent permitted by the United States Constitution, the Constitution of Virginia, and applicable law, for procedures governing the search of persons entering City Hall for weapons;

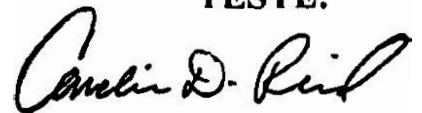
NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the Council hereby requests that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the Director of Public Works to present to the Council a plan for security measures and cost estimates providing for the installation and use of metal detectors at City Hall and providing, to the extent permitted by the United States Constitution, the Constitution of Virginia, and applicable law, for procedures governing the search of persons entering City Hall for weapons.

A TRUE COPY:

TESTE:



City Clerk



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Office of the Council Chief of Staff

Ordinance/Resolution Request

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TO Allen Jackson, City Attorney **JUN 14 2019**

THROUGH Meghan Brown, Interim Council Chief of Staff ^β OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

FROM Steven Taylor, Council Policy Analyst *ST*

COPY M. Jones, 9th District Council Member
Summer Morris, 9th District Liaison
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DATE June 14, 2019

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TITLE Installation of Metal Detectors in City Hall & Weapons Searches at City Hall

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

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

M. Jones

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

Expedited – No Committee Assignment

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Patron requests that a resolution be drafted for Council's consideration that encourages the Mayor and his Administration to present to Council a program that re-installs metal detectors at City Hall and to develop a program that searches persons entering City Hall for weapons.

BACKGROUND

Governor Northam has called the General Assembly of Virginia into Special Session in the aftermath of the May 31st shooting at the Municipal Complex in Virginia Beach. The Session is scheduled for July 9, 2019. The Governor has announced that he is calling for the Session so the Assembly can consider legislation regulating uses, possession, and purchasing/ownership of firearms. There may be legislation introduced regarding a local governing body's authority to regulate firearms.

The City of Richmond's Administrative Rules prohibits employees from carrying firearms while at work but localities do not have authority to ban firearms from municipal buildings when carried by citizens and visitors in their buildings.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal Impact Yes No

Budget Amendment Required Yes No

Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact \$ N/A

Note: Costs are expected for installing and maintaining metal detectors. Costs will be incurred to cover paying personnel to perform searches. The exact costs for the detectors and personnel can not be determined at this time.

Attachment/s Yes No