

INTRODUCED: November 10, 2025

AN ORDINANCE No. 2025-244

To declare a public necessity for and to authorize the acquisition by gift of the parcels of real property known as 313 South Harrison Street and 1112 Idlewood Avenue from the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority for the purpose of creating a permanent public park.

Patron – Mayor Avula

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: DEC 8 2025 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the Council of the City of Richmond, a public necessity exists for the acquisition of the properties known as 313 South Harrison Street and 1112 Idlewood Avenue and identified as Tax Parcel Nos. W000-0331/036 and W000-0331/026, respectively, in the 2025 records of the City Assessor, consisting of approximately 0.994 acres, for the purpose of creating a permanent public park; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority, the owner of the aforementioned properties, has agreed to give such parcels to the City;

NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

AYES: 8 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN:

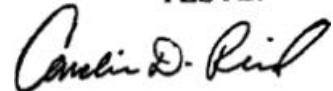
ADOPTED: DEC 15 2025 REJECTED: STRICKEN:

§ 1. That a public necessity exists for the acquisition and acceptance of the dedication by gift of the parcels of real property known as 313 South Harrison Street and 1112 Idlewood Avenue, and identified as Tax Parcel Nos. W000-0331/036 and W000-0331/026 in the 2025 records of the City Assessor, respectively, with all appurtenances thereto and encumbrances thereof, for the purpose of creating a permanent public park.

§ 2. That the Chief Administrative Officer is hereby authorized to accept the dedication by gift of the properties described in section 1 of this ordinance from the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority and to execute the deeds and other documents necessary to complete the acquisition of the aforementioned properties, provided that all such deeds and other documents first must be approved as to form by the City Attorney or the designee thereof.

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

A TRUE COPY:
TESTE:



Connie D. Reid
City Clerk

City of Richmond

Intracity Correspondence

O&R Transmittal

DATE: September 24, 2025

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

THROUGH: The Honorable Danny Avula, Mayor

THROUGH: Odie Donald II, Chief Administrative Officer

THROUGH: Amy Popovich, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer – Human Services

FROM: Christopher E. Frelke, Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Facilities

RE: Transfer of Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority parcels to the City of Richmond for the purpose of creating a permanent recreation space.

ORD. OR RES. No. _____

PURPOSE: To declare a public necessity for and to authorize the acquisition by gift of parcels of real property known as 313 South Harrison Street and 1112 Idlewood Avenue from the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority, for the purpose of creating a permanent recreation space.

BACKGROUND: In coordination with the City of Richmond, the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA) reviewed its property portfolio and determined that 313 South Harrison Street and 1112 Idlewood Avenue are unsuitable for affordable housing. The adjacent parcel, owned by the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities (PRCF), will be included in the proposed new recreation space.

PRCF is prepared for the ongoing maintenance after the acquisition of these parcels.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: Not applicable.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL: Richmond 300

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES: RRHA, Department of Public Works (DPW)

FISCAL IMPACT / COST: The City will accept the properties as a simple transfer of gift with no funds being applied to the acquisition. PRCF will manage the ongoing maintenance and improvements.

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon adoption

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: November 10, 2025

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: December 8, 2025

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Planning Commission

AFFECTED AGENCIES: PRCF, DPW

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.: None.

ATTACHMENTS: Exhibit A – RRHA Resolution, Exhibit B – RRHA Quitclaim Deed of Gift

STAFF: Christopher Frelke, Director, PRCF

Nissa Richardson, Deputy Director, PRCF

Daniel Hazlett, Senior Management Analyst, PRCF

RICHMOND REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Meeting Date: June 18, 2025

Agenda Item No. 1

TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RICHMOND REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY TO DONATE TO THE CITY OF RICHMOND THOSE PARCELS OF UNIMPROVED REAL PROPERTY MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1112 IDLEWOOD AVENUE AND 313 S HARRISON STREET FOR RECREATION SPACE, AND AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO CONSUMMATE SUCH TRANSACTION

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority ("RRHA") owns those certain parcels of unimproved real property more commonly known as 1112 Idlewood Avenue and 313 S Harrison Street, in the City of Richmond, Virginia (collectively, the "RRHA Parcels"); and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond (the "City") has requested that RRHA donate the RRHA Parcels to the City pursuant to the Creighton Court Cooperative Agreement, approved by the RRHA Board of Commissioners (the "Board") on March 15, 2023; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Board to take appropriate official action to approve the donation of the RRHA Parcels to the City and to authorize the Chief Executive Officer, or his designee, to execute and deliver any and all documents required to consummate such transaction;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board that the donation of the RRHA Parcels to the City for the purpose of allowing the City to use the RRHA Parcels to create permanent recreation space is hereby approved; and that the Chief Executive Officer, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to execute, and deliver any and all documents required to consummate such transaction.

Recommended by Sherrill Hampton
Senior Vice President of RECD

Date June 18, 2025

Approved by Steven B. Nesmith
Chief Executive Officer

Date June 18, 2025

COMMISSIONERS' ACTION

Res. 2025 14 Approved

JUN 18 2025

Disapproved _____

SIGNED:



W.R. "Bill" Johnson, Jr., Chair
RRHA Board of Commissioners

Votes Recorded				
Commissioner	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
W.R. "Bill" Johnson, Jr.	X			
Charlene Pitchford	X			
Dyanne Broidy	X			
Kyle R. Elliott	X			
Barrett Hardiman	X			
Eddie L. Jackson, Jr.	X			
Gregory Lewis	X			
Marika McCray	X			
Harold Parker, Jr.	X			