CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND PLANNING COMMISSION

TO ADOPT THE CULTURAL HERITAGE STEWARDSHIP PLAN AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE RICHMOND 300 MASTER PLAN

WHEREAS, pursuant to §§ 17.04 and 17.06 of the Richmond City Charter, the City Planning Commission adopted the *Richmond 300: A Guide for Growth* Master Plan as the Master Plan for the City on 5 October 2020 by resolution 2020.050, which action the City Council approved by Ordinance 2020-236 on 14 December 2020; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with § 17.06 City Charter, the City Planning Commission may adopt, and the City Council may approve, from time to time, amendments, extensions, or additions to the City's Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the *Richmond 300: A Guide for Growth* Master Plan specifically calls for the creation of a citywide preservation plan to establish near- and long-term preservation priorities and to identify proactive strategies to protect the character, quality, and history of the city; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of that goal, the City entered into a Cost Share Agreement with the Virginia Department of Historic Resources in 2022 to hire a consultant, the Commonwealth Preservation Group, to prepare a management plan for the city's cultural and historic assets; and

WHEREAS, a Community Advisory Committee was established to help develop the management plan by conducting various meetings, a series of individual and small group interviews, and surveys soliciting citizen input that resulted in over 1,000 comments; and

WHEREAS, the management plan is called the City of Richmond Cultural Heritage Stewardship Plan, dated April 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on May 20, 2025 for the purpose of receiving public comments relative to a proposed amendment to the *Richmond 300: A Guide for Growth* Master Plan, said amendment being the adoption of the City of Richmond Cultural Heritage Stewardship Plan, dated April 2025, as an incorporated element of the *Richmond 300: A Guide for Growth* Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission has reviewed the proposed amendment and taken into consideration comments received at its public hearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Richmond City Planning Commission hereby amends the *Richmond 300: A Guide for Growth* Master Plan by adopting the Cultural Heritage Stewardship Plan, dated April 2025, a copy of which is attached to this resolution, as an incorporated element of the *Richmond 300: A Guide for Growth* Master Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Planning Commission forwards the amended *Richmond 300: A Guide for Growth* Master Plan to the City Council with the recommendation of approval.

Rodney Poole Alyson Oliver
Chair, Planning Commission Secretary, Planning Commission