



CITY OF RICHMOND

PLANNING COMMISSION

JANUARY 3, 2023

**RESOLUTION 2022-126
MOTION OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND PLANNING COMMISSION**

**MOTION OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND PLANNING COMMISSION TO INITIATE AN
AMENDMENT TO THE CITY'S ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF
CREATING A STADIUM DISTRICT THAT ACCORDS WITH THE ADOPTED
RICHMOND 300 MASTER PLAN AND ALLOWS FOR FULFILLMENT OF THE VISION
FOR THE DIAMOND DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Richmond City Council adopted Resolution 2022-R055 to select RVA Diamond Partners LLC as the developer of the Diamond District and to express the Council's support for certain proposed minimum business terms and conditions in relation to the development of the Diamond District; and

WHEREAS, the RVA Diamond Partners LLC master plan for the Diamond District (the "District Plan") envisions a ballpark entertainment district, to include the development of a new baseball stadium, housing, office buildings, hotels, retail space, and a park, as well as streets, infrastructure, and significant signage to support the new development; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with §17.10 of the Charter of the City of Richmond, the City Council has adopted a comprehensive zoning ordinance in order to regulate the use of land, buildings, and structures; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to the City's zoning ordinance is necessary to allow for development of the Diamond District in a way that is consistent with both the District Plan and the City's master plan, known as Richmond 300; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond City Planning Commission may initiate amendments to the City's zoning ordinance in accordance with §15.2-2286(A)(7) of the Code of Virginia.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that for the purposes of public necessity, convenience, general welfare, and good zoning practice, and in order to best promote health, safety, morals, comfort, prosperity, and general welfare, as well as efficiency and economy in the process of development, the City Planning Commission hereby initiates an amendment to the City's official zoning ordinance to establish a Stadium District that will accord with the Richmond 300 Master Plan and allow for fulfillment of the City's vision for the Diamond District.

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Chair, City Planning Commission

Matthew Ebinger
Secretary, City Planning Commission