



Richmond City Council

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Richmond, Virginia

Office of the Council Chief of Staff

Public Safety Standing Committee

September 23, 2025

Legislative Summary

Previous Meeting: July 22, 2024

Next Meeting: October 28, 2025

Committee Notes

Presentation Items:

- Rick Edwards, Richmond Police Department. Chief Edward will provide an Update on Activities in Shockoe Bottom and concerns about public safety of residents and visitors and crime in City generally.

Discussion Items: None.

Ordinances & Resolutions for Consideration

1. Ordinance No. 2025-221

Patron Mayor Avula

Key Points:

- Amends City Code § 27-302, concerning towing and storage fees, for the purpose of modifying the limits on fees charged for the towing, storage, and safekeeping of certain vehicles removed from private property.
- Increases allowable towing fees from \$135 to \$195 while allowing additional fees of no more than \$30 per vehicle towed on Saturdays, Sundays,
- Provides for acceptable methods of payment - cash, certified, check, money orders.
- Provides that the Towing Advisory Board shall meet periodically to recommend adjustment fees established in the Coded.

Fiscal Impact: ☐ None ☒ Yes. Amends the City Code regarding towing and storage fees.



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2. Ordinance No. 2025-222

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Key Points:

- Authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to accept funds in the amount of \$250,000.00 from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management and to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Special Fund Budget by creating a new special fund for the Department of Emergency Communications, Preparedness, and Response called the "FY26 SHSP Radio Repeater Special Fund," and to appropriate the increase to the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Special Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Emergency Communications, Preparedness and Response's "FY26 SHSP Radio Repeater Special Fund" by \$250,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing and installing radio repeater equipment.
- The Administration's O&R indicates that the repeaters are needed for enhancing in-building coverage. Committee members may wish to know what type of buildings the Administration plans to install the equipment.
- The paper creates a special fund budget to hold the funds from the State. Committee members may wish to know if the Administration anticipates receiving additional State funds for the fund.

Fiscal Impact: ☐ None ☒ Yes. Paper amends the City Budget to accept and appropriate \$250,000.