



**City Of Richmond, Virginia
Office of the City Clerk**

Request to Withdraw Legislation

Paper Number: Res. No. 2018-R024

Chief Patron: Mr. Andreas Addison

Introduction Date: March 12, 2018

Chief Patron Signature: 

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Attestation: 

Effective Date: 7-19-18

INTRODUCED: March 12, 2018

A RESOLUTION No. 2018-R024

To declare a public necessity to amend the zoning ordinance and to initiate an amendment to the City's zoning ordinance to make such changes as may be necessary to reduce or eliminate requirements concerning the minimum number of off-street parking spaces for business zoning districts within the city of Richmond.

Patron – Mr. Addison

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: MAR 26 2018 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, section 15.2-2286 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, provides that a zoning ordinance may include, among other things, reasonable regulations and provisions for the amendment of regulations or district maps from time to time; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 15.2-2286 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, such amendment may be initiated by resolution of the governing body, provided that any such resolution by the governing body proposing an amendment to the regulations or district maps shall state the public purposes therefor; and

AYES: _____ NOES: _____ ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: _____ REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

WHEREAS, the City's zoning ordinance, codified as Chapter 30 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015), as amended, currently sets forth a minimum number of parking space requirements for particular zoning districts, including business zoning districts; and

WHEREAS, the Council is of the opinion that such minimum requirements should be reduced or eliminated to reflect the diminishing need for off-street parking spaces due to the availability of multi-modal transportation options, ride sharing services, mass transit modernization, and improvements to the City's transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that it is in the best interests of the residents of the City of Richmond that the City amend its zoning ordinance, codified as Chapter 30 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015), as amended, to make such changes as may be necessary to reduce or eliminate requirements concerning the minimum number of off-street parking spaces for business zoning districts;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the City Council hereby declares that the public necessity, convenience, general welfare and good zoning practices of the City require the initiation of an amendment of the zoning ordinance set forth in Chapter 30 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015), as amended, to make such changes as may be necessary to reduce or eliminate requirements concerning the minimum number of off-street parking spaces for business zoning districts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That, pursuant to section 15.2-2286 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, the City Council hereby initiates an amendment to the City's zoning ordinance for the purpose of reducing or eliminating requirements set forth in Chapter 30 of the Code of the City of

Richmond (2015), as amended, concerning the minimum number of off-street parking spaces for business zoning districts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Chief Administrative Officer is hereby requested (i) to cause to be conducted a study of the parking requirements of the City's zoning ordinance, codified as Chapter 30 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015), as amended, including, but not necessarily limited to Article VII thereof, to identify the parking requirements that apply to businesses and to recommend amendments thereto that reduce or eliminate those parking requirements to reflect the diminishing need for off-street parking spaces due to the availability of multi-modal transportation options, ride sharing services, mass transit modernization, and improvements to the City's transportation infrastructure and (ii) to provide the Council and the Planning Commission with a report concerning the results of the study and any recommended changes to the City's zoning ordinance, codified as Chapter 30 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015), as amended, to lawfully regulate parking, based on such study, within 90 days after the adoption of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the City Planning Commission is hereby directed to hold a public hearing on the proposed changes to the zoning ordinance and submit its recommendation and any explanatory materials to the City Council as soon as practical.



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DATE February 28, 2018

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TITLE Amend Zoning to Reduce Commercial Parking Requirements

This is a request for the drafting of an Ordinance Resolution

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

Andreas D. Addison, 1st District Representative

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

Land Use, Housing, and Transportation

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

The Patron requests a resolution to initiate an amendment to the City's zoning ordinance that will update the City's zoning requirements for parking requirements for businesses so as to reduce, or remove the parking requirement for certain businesses, or in certain zoning categories, or areas.

BACKGROUND

Summary:

- The patron believes that the City of Richmond has become more multi-modal with regard to transportation:
 - The City of Richmond has undertaken improvements to its transportation infrastructure, such as bus rapid transit (Pulse), and the addition of bike lanes.
 - GRTC has undertaken bus route modernization.
 - Ride-sharing services such as Uber and Lyft have proliferated, and
 - Public and private efforts have made much of the city more walkable.
- As a result, the patron believes that the requirement for a businesses to have a specific number of parking spaces is incentivizing surface parking lots, with limited added value for the public, or the business community.
- The patron believes that the cited transportation improvements allow for the reduction or elimination of the number of required parking spaces for businesses.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal Impact Yes No

Budget Amendment Required Yes No

Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact

There is no revenue or budget impact for the required review by the Planning Commission.

Attachment/s Yes No