

INTRODUCED: February 25, 2019

A RESOLUTION No. 2019-R009

To establish a policy that the City Council intends to appropriate the greater of 55.4 percent of estimated receipts from real estate taxes or the percentage of estimated receipts from real estate taxes reflected in the adopted Fiscal Year 2019-2020 General Fund Budget annually for school operating expenses subject to certain conditions.

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Patrons – All Members of Council

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Approved as to form and legality  
by the City Attorney  
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PUBLIC HEARING: MAR 25 2019 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Richmond (the “Council”) believes that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Richmond (the “City”) that the Council establish a policy that the Council intends to appropriate a specified percentage of estimated receipts from real estate taxes annually for the operating expenses of the school division (the “School Operating Expenses”) operated by the School Board of the City of Richmond (the “School Board”) subject to certain conditions;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

AYES: 9 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED: MAR 25 2019 REJECTED: \_\_\_\_\_ STRICKEN: \_\_\_\_\_

That the Council intends to appropriate annually to the School Board funds in an amount equal to the greater of (i) 55.4 percent of the City's estimated receipts from real estate taxes or (ii) the percentage of estimated receipts from real estate taxes reflected in the adopted General Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020, provided that the City and the School Board first agree to a memorandum of understanding (the "Memorandum of Understanding"), approved by the Council and the School Board, that (a) sets forth the Council's intent to appropriate the percentage of estimated receipts from real estate taxes specified in this resolution annually, (b) sets forth the School Board's agreement, to the extent permitted by law, that the School Board will use such appropriations solely for the School Operating Expenses, and (c) provides for the reevaluation every three years following the agreement by the City and the School Board to the Memorandum of Understanding of the percentage of estimated receipts from real estate taxes that the Council intends to appropriate to the School Board for the School Operating Expenses.



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## Ordinance/Resolution Request

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**DATE** February 14, 2019

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**TITLE** Policy on Real Estate Tax for Schools

This is a request for the drafting of an  Ordinance  Resolution

**REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON**

Kristen Nye Larson, 4<sup>th</sup> District Representative

**SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE**

Finance and Economic Development

**ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY**

The Patron requests a resolution to establish a policy that:

- Dedicates 55.4 percent of the City's Current and Delinquent Real Estate Tax Revenues, as estimated in the proposed General Fund Operating Budget, or the percentage of such revenue included in the Adopted FY20 budget, whichever is higher, to operation of Richmond Public Schools and for every year thereafter.
- Requires that this share of Real Estate Tax Revenues shall be used for no other purpose than the operation of Richmond Public Schools.
- Requires that the City of Richmond and Richmond Public Schools develop a memorandum of understanding that recognizes this dedication of revenues and the restrictions thereon.
- City Council should propose an amendment to the General Fund Budget to reflect an increase or decrease in estimated Real Estate Tax Revenues that occurs after the introduction, but before adoption, of the budget.
- The percentage of the City's Current and Delinquent Real Estate Tax Revenues to operation of Richmond Public Schools shall be reevaluated every three years.

