



CITY OF RICHMOND

PLANNING COMMISSION

February 3, 2020

**RESOLUTION #2020-002
MOTION OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND PLANNING COMMISSION**

TO DECLARE AN INTENT TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING TEXT FOR THE PURPOSES OF MAKING MINOR CHANGES TO VARIOUS SECTIONS WITH THE GOALS OF: ALIGNING WITH STATE AND CITY CODE; ALIGNING WITH CHANGING CONDITIONS; AND ELIMINATING UNINTENTIONAL COMPLICATIONS TO DEVELOPMENT.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 15.2-2286 of the Code of Virginia an amendment to the zoning regulations or district maps may be initiated by motion of the City of Richmond Planning Commission provided any such motion or resolution of the Commission proposing an amendment to the regulations or district maps shall state the public purposes therefore; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond Zoning Ordinance is linked by reference to State Code as well as other sections of City Code and should be consistent in all references; and

WHEREAS, there are minor phrases and sentences that cause unintended complications to development in the Zoning Ordinance as written; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Ordinance as written includes evidence of its being out of step with the present, such as reference to video rental stores, and no references to solar panels; and

WHEREAS, staff is frequently coming across such instances and has kept a running list; and

WHEREAS, this list is of amendments so small that to put each through its own Zoning Ordinance Amendment process would be so time consuming as to effectively prohibit necessary change; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Planning Commission to prepare and submit to the Council a comprehensive zoning plan and from time to time prepare and submit such changes in or revisions of the plan as changing conditions may make necessary (Richmond Code §§17.13); and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, for the purposes of public necessity, convenience, general welfare and good zoning practices, the City of Richmond Planning Commission hereby initiates a package of minor amendments to the zoning ordinance intended to align the ordinance with State and City code, eliminate unnecessary confusion and create clarity.



Rodney Poole
Chair, City Planning Commission



Matthew Ebinger
Secretary, City Planning Commission