



CITY OF RICHMOND

Department of Planning & Development Review *Staff Report*

Ord. No. 2019-222: To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to accept funds in the amount of \$500,000.00 from the Virginia Resources Authority, as administrator of the Virginia Water Supply Revolving Fund, and to appropriate the funds received to the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Capital Budget by increasing revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Public Utilities' Water Distribution System Improvements project by \$500,000.00 for the purpose of funding full lead service line replacements in the city.

To: City Planning Commission
From: Land Use Administration
Date: September 16, 2019

PETITIONER

Rosemary H. Green, Deputy Departmental Director, Senior, DPU

LOCATION

City of Richmond

PURPOSE

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SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION

The City of Richmond has a funded program to replace Lead Service Lines between the City's water main and the customer's meter. However, to provide the most health benefits for consumers, it has been established that lead service line replacements should be "complete" or "full" replacements. That is, lead service line replacements should be performed on both the upstream and the downstream sides of the meter. The grant funds will assist the City's Department of Public Utilities in the performance of this work.

In its effort to encourage the full replacement of lead services (from the main to the foundation), the Virginia Department of Health secured \$500,000 in Federal funds in their Fiscal Year 2019 budget for this purpose. This loan forgiveness funding will fund the replacement of an estimated 200 private property lead service lines. DPU has sufficient funds to complete the portion of the lead service lines in the public right-of-way. This grant will be used to pay for the lead service line replacements on private property.

DPU staff recommends approval of the ordinance.

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