



CITY OF RICHMOND

June 18, 2018

PLANNING COMMISSION

**MOTION OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND PLANNING COMMISSION**

**TO DECLARE AN INTENT TO AMEND CHAPTER 30, ARTICLE V OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE CONCERNING SIGN REGULATIONS AND APPENDIX A REGARDING FEES FOR SIGN-RELATED SPECIAL USE PERMITS AND AMENDED SPECIAL USE PERMITS**

**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 therefor; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 30, Article V, which is part of the City of Richmond Zoning Ordinance, establishes regulations pertaining to signs (the "Sign Regulations"); and

**WHEREAS**, a staff team ("Sign Code Team") comprised of members of the Department of Planning & Development Review and the City Attorney's Office has been meeting to review that subset of the Sign Regulations adopted by Ordinance 2017-149 on September 11, 2017, in order to provide for amendments to such subset as public necessity, convenience, general welfare and good zoning practice may require; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sign Regulations do not provide for a variety of sign types associated with canopy signs and awning signs, nor do the Sign Regulations adequately express maximum square footage for certain signs permissible within certain zoning districts throughout the city; and

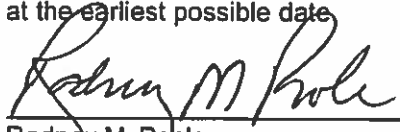
**WHEREAS**, the Sign Code Team is recommending changes to the Sign Regulations that would separate awning signs and canopy signs through changes to applicable definitions and standards; and


**WHEREAS**, the Sign Code Team is recommending changes to the Sign Regulations that would amend calculation of square footage for signs in the B-3, B-4, TOD-1, M-1, and M-2 zoning districts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sign Code Team further recommends adjusting the application fees for Special Use Permits and Amendments to Special Use Permits pertaining exclusively to signage by amending and reordaining the fees set forth in Appendix A for City Code Sections 30-1050.6(a) and 30-1050.6(b).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** for purposes of public necessity, convenience, general welfare and good zoning practices, the City of Richmond Planning Commission hereby adopts a resolution of intent to (i) amend City Code Chapter 30, Article V as generally described in the above-stated recitals to this resolution of intent, (ii) amend and reordain the fees set forth in Appendix A for City Code Sections 30-1050.6(a) and 30-1050.6(b) for the purpose of adjusting application filing fees for Special Use Permits and Amendments to Special Use Permits pertaining exclusively to signage, and (iii) consider any other amendments to City Code Chapter 30, Article V, and other related sections of the Zoning Ordinance to ensure the proper administration and implementation of the Sign Regulations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the City of Richmond Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the zoning text amendment proposed pursuant to this resolution of intent, and make its recommendations to City Council at the earliest possible date.

  
Rodney M. Poole  
Chair, City Planning Commission

  
Matthew J. Ebinger  
Secretary, City Planning Commission