

INTRODUCED: June 26, 2017

A RESOLUTION No. 2017-R047

To declare a public necessity and to initiate an amendment to the City’s zoning ordinance, concerning the Commission of Architectural Review, to make certain compositional changes by (i) eliminating the requirement that one member shall be appointed from a list of nominations submitted by the Better Housing Coalition, and (ii) adding a requirement that at least one member shall be a resident of a historic district.

Patron – Ms. Robertson

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: JULY 24 2017 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

WHEREAS, the City’s zoning ordinance currently requires that, for the composition of the Commission of Architectural Review, one member shall be appointed from a list of nominations

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ADOPTED: SEPT 25 2017 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

submitted by the Better Housing Coalition and there is no requirement for a member to be a resident of a historic district; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens 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 (i) eliminate the requirement that, for the composition of the Commission of Architectural Review, one member shall be appointed from a list of nominations submitted by the Better Housing Coalition, and (ii) add a requirement that a member of the Commission of Architectural Review shall be a resident of a historic district;

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 City's zoning ordinance to (i) eliminate the requirement that, for the Commission of Architectural Review, one member shall be appointed from a list of nominations submitted by the Better Housing Coalition, and (ii) add a requirement that a member of the Commission of Architectural Review shall be a resident of a historic district.

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 (i) eliminating the requirement, that for the Commission of Architectural Review, one member shall be appointed from a list of nominations submitted by the Better Housing Coalition, and (ii) adding a requirement that a member of the Commission of Architectural Review shall be a resident of a historic district.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the City Planning Commission is hereby directed to hold a public hearing on the proposed amendatory ordinance and submit its recommendations and any explanatory material to the City Council as soon as practicable.



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Ordinance/Resolution Request

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TITLE Amending City Code Section 30-930.3 regarding Nominees to the Commission of Architectural Review

This is a request for the drafting of an **Ordinance** **Resolution**

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

E. Robertson

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

Land Use, Housing & Transportation

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Patron requests that Section 30-930.3(b)(1) of the City Code be amended to eliminate the requirement that Council considers nominations from the Better Housing Coalition. The patron would like to add a requirement that at least one member of the Commission be a resident of an historic district.

BACKGROUND

There has been a proposal to change this section to eliminate the requirement of a nomination from Better Housing Coalition and adding a requirement that a least one member of the Commission be resident of an old historic district. The Better Housing Coalition is not a developer whose primary focus is historic districts/preservation and there is no current requirement that residents of the historic districts be a member of the Commission. Department and Planning Review staff advised that a recent study by Virginia Commonwealth University recommends having residents of old and historic districts as members of the Commission.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal Impact	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Budget Amendment Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact	\$ N/A	

Attachment/s Yes No