



March 6, 2023

**RESOLUTION 2023-005
MOTION OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND PLANNING COMMISSION**

MOTION OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND PLANNING COMMISSION TO INITIATE AN AMENDMENT TO THE OFFICIAL ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING SECTION 30-800.3 AS TO NONCONFORMING USES; TO REPEAL SECTIONS 30-720.1, 30-720.2 AND 30-720.5 IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE REQUIRED LOADING SPACES; AND TO AMEND SECTIONS 30-720.3 AND 30-720.4 REGARDING LOCATION, IMPROVEMENTS AND DIMENSIONS OF LOADING SPACES.

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 17.06 of the Charter of the City of Richmond, the City Planning Commission has adopted and City Council has approved a master plan, known as Richmond 300, to promote a coordinated, adjusted, and harmonious development of the city and its environs; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 17.10 of the Charter of the City of Richmond, the City Council has adopted a comprehensive zoning ordinance in order to regulate the use of land, buildings, and structures in a manner consistent with future land uses identified in the Richmond 300 master plan; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond City Council adopted Resolution No. 2021-R027 on May 24, 2021 to declare a public necessity to initiate an amendment to the City's zoning ordinance to eliminate parking space minimums; and

WHEREAS, the proposed elimination of parking space minimums would affect other sections of the zoning ordinance that are not within the purview of the adopted City Council Resolution No. 2021-R027; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to the City's zoning ordinance is necessary to address nonconforming uses and loading spaces as they are affected by the elimination of parking space minimums; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 15.2-2286 of the Code of Virginia (1950), an amendment to the regulations or district maps set forth in the City's zoning ordinance may be initiated by motion of the City Planning Commission, provided that such motion of the City Planning Commission proposing such amendment to the regulations, district boundaries, or classifications of property set forth in the City's zoning ordinance shall state the public purposes therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that, for the purposes of public necessity, convenience, general welfare, and good zoning practice, and in order to best promote health, safety, morals, comfort, prosperity, and general welfare, as well as efficiency and economy in the process of development, the City Planning Commission hereby initiates an amendment to the City's official zoning ordinance for the purpose of amending section 30-800.3 regarding non-conforming uses; to repeal sections 30-720.1, 30-720.2 and 30-720.5 in order to eliminate required loading spaces;

and to amend sections 30-720.3 and 30-720.4 regarding location, improvements and dimensions of loading spaces.

Rodney Poole
Chair, City Planning Commission

Alyson Oliver
Secretary, City Planning Commission