



CITY OF RICHMOND

PLANNING COMMISSION

July 6, 2015

MOTION OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND PLANNING COMMISSION

TO DECLARE AN INTENT TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING BICYCLE PARKING STANDARDS, AMENDING THE OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS IN CERTAIN DISTRICTS TO PROMOTE EFFECTIVE SHARED PARKING PROVISIONS, AND AMENDING THE SCREENING AND BUFFERING REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW PARKING AREAS.

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 has adopted a Master Plan, which, among other things, establishes a vision where bicycle movements are protected as an integral part of the transportation system and shared parking is encouraged; and

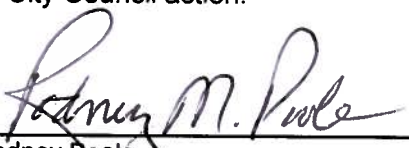
WHEREAS, the off-street parking and loading standards of the zoning ordinance establish mechanisms for shared parking, off-premise parking, buffers, and other means of pursuing more attractive and compatible parking for different land use districts; and

WHEREAS, the City's Sustainability Plan RVA Green and Bicycle Master Plan both envisioned the creation of bicycle parking requirements within the zoning ordinance; and

WHEREAS, good zoning practice dictates that the comprehensive zoning plan be amended as required to reflect current conditions and trends in land use; and

WHEREAS, the purposes of zoning cited in the Code of Virginia include facilitating the creation of a convenient, attractive and harmonious community, encouraging economic development and enlarging the tax base, and providing for public safety and preventing congestion in the streets;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Planning Commission hereby concludes that an amendment to the zoning ordinance should be drafted for the purpose of establishing bicycle parking standards, amending the off-street parking and loading requirements in certain districts to promote effective shared parking provisions, and amending the screening and buffering requirements for new parking areas and that a public hearing on the proposed rezoning be held by the City Planning Commission prior to City Council action.


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