

INTRODUCED: March 9, 2015

AN ORDINANCE No. 2015- 48-58

To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or the designee thereof, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to acquire, at a tax delinquent judicial sale, the property located at 1800 Krouse Street and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or the designee thereof to accept title to such property for the purpose of maintaining such property as public green space and for recreational uses.

Patron – Mayor Jones

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: MAR 23 2015 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, pursuant to sections 58.1-3970 and 58.1- 3970.1 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, the City of Richmond is authorized to acquire tax delinquent properties sold pursuant to sections 58.1-3965 through 58.1-3974 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, or pursuant to any other provision of law for the enforcement of tax liens; and

WHEREAS, the property located at 1800 Krouse Street, with Tax Parcel No. S007-1381/020, is eligible to be sold at a judicial sale for delinquent taxes; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to acquire the aforesaid property for the purpose of maintaining such property as public green space and for recreational uses; and

AYES: 9 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: MAR 23 2015 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

WHEREAS, any such acquisition is subject to the approval of the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, upon acquisition, the City desires to obtain title to the aforesaid property for the purpose of maintaining such property as public green space and for recreational uses; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Administrative Officer's authority to accept title to the aforesaid property is contingent upon the City's acquisition of the aforesaid property and is, therefore, null and void if the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond should reject the City's offer to acquire;

NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That pursuant to sections 58.1-3970 and 58.1-3970.1 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, the Chief Administrative Officer, or the designee thereof, is hereby authorized to acquire, at a tax delinquent judicial sale, the property located at 1800 Krouse Street, with Tax Parcel No. S007-1381/020, for the purpose of maintaining such property as public green space and for recreational uses.

§ 2. That the acquisition is necessary for the public purpose of maintaining such property as public green space for recreational uses.

§ 3. That upon acquisition of the property, the Chief Administrative Officer, or the designee thereof, is hereby authorized on behalf of the City of Richmond to accept title to the property located at 1800 Krouse Street, with Tax Parcel No. S007-1381/020, for the purpose of maintaining such property as public green space and for recreational uses.

§ 4. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.

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OFFICE OF CITY ATTORNEY CITY CORRESPONDENCE



O&R REQUEST

DATE: January 13, 2015

EDITION: O & R REQUEST

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

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THROUGH: Dwight C. Jones, Mayor *[Signature]*

THROUGH: Christopher Beschler, Interim Chief Administrative Officer *[Signature]*

Chief Administration Office
City of Richmond

THROUGH: Debra Gardner, DCAO Human Services *[Signature]*

FROM: *[Signature]* Dr. Norman C. Merrifield, Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Facilities

RE: To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to acquire through the Tax Delinquent Sale process, the property at 1800 Krouse.

ORD. OR RES. No. _____

PURPOSE: To declare that a public necessity exists and to authorize The Chief Administrative Officer or designee, through the Tax Delinquent Sale process, to petition the Court for and accept title to 1800 Krouse.

REASON: A public necessity exists to acquire this property for the expansion of Bellemeade Park and maintain the land as public green space and for recreational uses. The land current is within the overall boundaries of Bellemeade Park.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval is recommended by the City Administration.

BACKGROUND: As part of the search for continuous opportunities to expand existing park properties and provide for enhanced public use, the City, at times, acquires tax delinquent parcels pursuant to Sections 58.1-3970 and 58.1-3970.1 of the Code of Virginia. 1800 Krouse is a tax delinquent vacant parcel and the only reason it was not acquired as a Level One property is that it is a vacant lot. According to the City's Parcel Mapper the parcel is assessed at \$9,000. By transferring the title to the city via the provisions of VA Code 58.1-3970.1, the city does not have to purchase the property from its owner and pay a higher price to acquire the parcel.

FISCAL IMPACT / COST: Property currently part of the maintenance area being maintained.

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FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: No new impacts

BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY: None

REVENUE TO CITY: None

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon adoption

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: February 9, 2015 Council meeting

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: February 23, 2015 Council meeting

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Land Use, Housing & Transportation

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES: None

AFFECTED AGENCIES: Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities, Community Development, Assessor's Office and Real Estate Services

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.: None

REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S): None

ATTACHMENTS: Attachment A – Property Information Sheet
Attachment B – Parcel Mapper Aerial
Attachment C – Tax Sale Agreement

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