

INTRODUCED: December 13, 2021

AN ORDINANCE No. 2021-351

To declare a public necessity for and to authorize the acquisition by gift of the property known as the Lee Circle from the Commonwealth of Virginia for the purpose of its use for the benefit of the public in accordance with the City’s master plan.

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Patron – Mayor Stoney, Ms. Lambert and Vice President Robertson

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Approved as to form and legality  
by the City Attorney  
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PUBLIC HEARING: JAN 10 2022 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the Council of the City of Richmond, a public necessity exists for the acquisition of the property known as the Lee Circle, identified with address 1700 Monument Avenue and as Tax Parcel No. W000-1252/001 in the 2021 records of the City Assessor, for the purpose of its use for the benefit of the public in accordance with the City’s master plan; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia, the owner of the aforementioned property, has agreed to give the property to the City;

NOW, THEREFORE,

AYES:            9            NOES:            0            ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED:    JAN 10 2022    REJECTED: \_\_\_\_\_    STRICKEN: \_\_\_\_\_

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

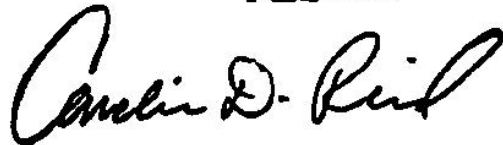
§ 1. That the acquisition of the fee simple interest in the property known as the Lee Circle, identified with address 1700 Monument Avenue and as Tax Parcel No. W000-1252/001 in the 2021 records of the City Assessor, is required for the purpose of its use for the benefit of the public in accordance with the City's master plan.

§ 2. That the Chief Administrative Officer is hereby authorized to execute the deed and such other documents as may be necessary to complete the acquisition of the aforementioned property, provided that such deed and other documents have first been approved as to form by the City Attorney.

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

**A TRUE COPY:**

**TESTE:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carolin D. Reil". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C'.

**City Clerk**

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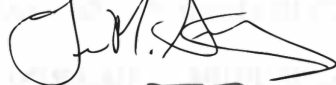
# CITY OF RICHMOND


## INTRACITY CORRESPONDENCE

**O&R REQUEST**


**DATE:** December 3, 2021 **EDITION:** 1


**TO:** The Honorable Members of City Council

**THROUGH:** The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor 

**THROUGH:** J.E. Lincoln Saunders, Chief Administrative Officer 

**THROUGH:** Robert C. Steidel, DCAO – Operations Portfolio

**THROUGH:** Sharon L. Ebert, DCAO – Planning & Economic Development Portfolio 

**FROM:** Matthew A. Welch, Senior Policy Advisor – Planning & Economic Development Portfolio 

**RE:** Acceptance of fee simple title to real estate located at 1700 Monument Avenue

**ORD. OR RES. No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**PURPOSE:** To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to, on behalf of the City, accept a donation of fee simple title to that certain real estate located at 1700 Monument Avenue, identified as Tax Parcel No. W0001252001 in the records of the City Assessor, and commonly referred to as “Lee Circle” from the Commonwealth of Virginia, for use of the property for the benefit of the public in accordance with the Richmond 300 Master Plan, which real estate is more particularly described within the document attached to this O&R Request entitled “Lee Circle Legal Description”.

**REASON:** An ordinance is necessary to authorize the CAO to accept the donation of real estate on behalf of the City.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The City Administration recommends approval.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Commonwealth of Virginia is working towards completing a project that it commenced in September of this year on Lee Circle. Following conclusion of the project, the Commonwealth desires to donate title to the real estate to the City and the City desires to acquire the real estate through acceptance of such donation.

**FISCAL IMPACT / COST:** No (or nominal) direct costs related to consummating the acquisition as the Commonwealth will be donating the real estate.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:** Following acquisition, the City will incur minimal costs related to grounds maintenance. The real estate is currently tax-exempt as it will remain following City acquisition and, therefore, the City's acquisition will not result in a reduction in real estate tax revenue.

**BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY:** No

**REVENUE TO CITY:** N/A

**DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE:** Upon adoption

**REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE:** December 13, 2021

**CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE:** January 10, 2022

**REQUESTED AGENDA:** Consent

**RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE:** No committee referral pursuant to Rule VI(B)(3)(c)

**CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES:** Planning Commission

**AFFECTED AGENCIES:** Public Works; Planning and Development Review; Parks, Recreation & Community Facilities; City Attorney's Office

**RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.:** N/A

**REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S):** None

**ATTACHMENTS:** Document entitled "Lee Circle Legal Description"

**STAFF:** Matthew A. Welch, DED  
Maritza Mercado Pechin, PDR

# LEE CIRCLE LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Attachment to O&R Request dated December 3, 2021

ALL THAT certain piece, portion, or parcel of land situate in the County of Henrico [now the City of Richmond] just beyond the present western confines of the City of Richmond Contained within a circle whose radius is (100) One Hundred feet whose centre is the middle point of the intersection of Monument Avenue and Allen Avenue and whose location and description are more fully and clearly shown upon a plat of "The Wm. E. Allen Addition" recorded the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 1889 in plat Book No. 6 page 63 in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Henrico County to which plat reference is hereby expressly made, the property herein above conveyed, which is the Monument Site being indicated on said plat by the figure and the word 'Circle'.

BEING the same real estate that was conveyed to the Commonwealth of Virginia by deed dated March 17, 1890, from the Lee Monument Association recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of [the City of Richmond][Henrico County] in Deed Book 129B, at page 367 and the same real estate that was conveyed to the Lee Monument Association by deed dated July 15, 1887, from Otway S. Allen, Roger Gregory and Bettie F. Gregory his wife, who was Betty F. Allen and Nell Wilson and Martha A. Wilson his wife who was Martha Allen recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of [the City of Richmond] [Henrico County] in Deed Book 121, at page 219.