



CITY OF RICHMOND
PLANNING COMMISSION

18 January 2022

CPCR.2022.003 (CPCR.2021.168)
RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND PLANNING COMMISSION

TO DECLARE AN INTENT TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE
AS IT PERTAINS TO REGULATING SHORT-TERM RENTALS

WHEREAS, in accordance with §15.2-2286 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 therefor; and

WHEREAS, the City adopted amendments to the Zoning Ordinance permitting short-term rentals in June 2020, for which supplemental regulations are found in Chapter 30, Article VI, Division 14 City Code; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Planning and Development Review, responsible for administering and enforcing the Zoning Ordinance, concludes such regulations, as written, are difficult to enforce effectively, efficiently, and equitably; and

WHEREAS, the permission of short-term rentals should continue to be encouraged as an economic development activity that provides desirable employment, enlarges the tax base, and facilitates an attractive community; and

WHEREAS, the regulation of short-term rentals remains necessary in order to secure safety from fire, flood, panic and other danger; promote health, sanitation and general welfare; and avoid undue concentration of population.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, for the purposes of public necessity, convenience, general welfare, and good zoning practices, the City of Richmond Planning Commission hereby adopts a resolution of intent to amend the Zoning Ordinance as it pertains to regulating short-term rentals.

Rodney Poole
Chair, Planning Commission

Richard Saunders
Secretary, Planning Commission