



CITY OF RICHMOND

PLANNING COMMISSION

July 18, 2022

**RESOLUTION 2022-078
MOTION OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND PLANNING COMMISSION**

**MOTION OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND PLANNING COMMISSION TO DECLARE AN
INTENT TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF
AMENDING THE RP RESEARCH PARK DISTRICT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
CITY CENTER INNOVATION DISTRICT SMALL AREA PLAN.**

WHEREAS, in accordance with §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 recently adopted City Center Innovation District Small Area Plan recommends a new zoning district for City Center that supports the development of uses that support the life sciences innovation district and creates a walkable urban realm; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments to the RP District concerning uses, yards, screening, parking and circulation of vehicles, height, signage, street side yards, emergency, transitional and permanent supportive housing, off-street parking requirements, usable open space and building façade fenestration requirements will create this new innovation district as described in the City Center Innovation District Small Area Plan; and

WHEREAS, the proposed expansion of the amended RP District for the properties from I-95/I-64 to East Broad Street and North 5th Street will create a distinctive neighborhood with high-quality design and activated streets; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with §17.14 of the Charter of the City of Richmond, the City Planning Commission may prepare and submit changes to the zoning ordinance, including both districts and maps, as changing conditions may make necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Planning Commission hereby concludes, 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, that an amendment to the City's official zoning ordinance shall be drafted for the purpose of amending the RP Research Park District in accordance with the City Center Innovation District Small Area Plan.

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Chair, City Planning Commission

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Secretary, City Planning Commission