



## CITY OF RICHMOND

### Department of Planning & Development Review *Staff Report*

**Ord. No. 2023-236:** To close, to public use and travel, an alley in the block bounded by Richmond Highway, Afton Avenue, Columbia Street, and Bellemeade Road, consisting of 2,450± square feet, upon certain terms and conditions.

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**To:** City Planning Commission  
**From:** Land Use Administration  
**Date:** October 2, 2023

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#### **PETITIONER**

Joseph Davenport, Right of Way Manager, Department of Public Works

#### **LOCATION**

To the rear of 2201 Richmond Highway

#### **PURPOSE**

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#### **SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATION**

The City of Richmond Department of Public Works seeks to close to public use and travel the public right-of-way of an alley in the block bounded by Richmond Highway, Afton Avenue, Columbia Street and Bellemeade Road consisting of approximately 2,450 sq. ft.

The owner of the properties adjacent to the alley are planning to use the vacated alley for additional parking or for the expansion of buildings.

This ordinance will supersede Ordinance No. 2022-041, adopted March 14, 2022, which has expired.

The closing of this right of way will not negatively impact the local City transportation network. Other reviewing administrative agencies offered no objections to the prior closing request.

Staff recommends approval of the request.

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

##### **Site Description**

The subject alley contains a lot area of approximately 2,450 square feet. The property is located in the Bellemeade neighborhood, between Afton Avenue and Bellemeade Road.

##### **Proposed Use of the Property**

Commercial.

**Surrounding Area**

The alley is currently split between the B-3 and B-2 Zoning District. Nearby properties are zoned M-1, B-3, B-2, or R-5.

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