INTRODUCED: June 24, 2019

AN ORDINANCE No. 2019-165

To amend ch. 19, art. VII, div. 2 of the City Code by adding therein a new § 19-334.1 for the purpose of prohibiting the carrying of firearms within certain places effective at such time as the adoption of such a prohibition becomes permitted by law.

Patron – Mayor Stoney

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: JUL 1 2019 AT 5 P.M.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That Chapter 19, Article VII, Division 2 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015) be and is hereby amended and reordained by **adding therein a new section** numbered 19-334.1 as follows:

Sec. 19-334.1. Carrying firearms in certain places.

No person shall carry any firearm within any City-owned building, park, or recreation or community facility. This prohibition shall not apply to any duly authorized (i) military personnel in the performance of their lawful duties, (ii) law enforcement officer, or (iii) security guard contracted or employed by the City.

AYES:	7	NOES:	0	ABSTAIN:	2
ADOPTED:	Jul 1 2019	REJECTED:		STRICKEN:	

§ 2. This ordinance shall be in force and effect as of the date on which a statute enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia to authorize the City to adopt the prohibition set forth in section 1 of this ordinance takes effect.

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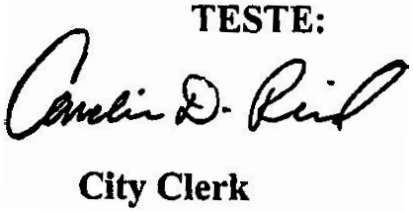

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CITY OF RICHMOND
INTRACITY CORRESPONDENCE

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REQUEST

DATE: June 18, 2019 **EDITION:** 1

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

FROM: The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor

RE: City of Richmond Support of Banning Guns in Municipal Buildings and Parks

ORD. OR RES. No. _____

PURPOSE: Ordinance to adopt Virginia state law giving localities the authority to prohibit guns in municipal buildings and parks, once approved by the Virginia General Assembly.

REASON: To ensure that City of Richmond children, residents, and employees are safe from gun violence while in a municipal building or park.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval is recommended by the City Administration.

BACKGROUND: Governor Ralph Northam has called for a special session of the Virginia General Assembly on July 9, 2019 to address gun violence in the Commonwealth of Virginia. During this special session a number of proposals will be considered, including: universal background checks; a ban on assault weapons; extreme risk protective order; reinstating the one-gun-a-month law; child access prevention; requiring people to report lost and stolen firearms within 24 hours; and expanding local authority to regulate firearms.

As Virginia is a Dillon Rule state, localities are currently preempted from regulating firearms. However, if during the July 9 special session the Virginia General Assembly should pass a law granting localities the full authority to prohibit guns in municipal buildings and parks, the City of Richmond shall adopt that law immediately and prohibit all guns from municipal buildings and parks.

FISCAL IMPACT / COST: N/A

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: N/A

BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY: N/A

REVENUE TO CITY: N/A

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OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon adoption.

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: June 24, 2019

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: July 1st, Special Meeting

REQUESTED AGENDA: Regular Agenda

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Government Operations, June 27th

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES: None.

AFFECTED AGENCIES: Richmond Police Department

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.: None.

REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S): None.

ATTACHMENTS:

STAFF: Lincoln Saunders, Chief of Staff, Office of Mayor Levar Stoney