

INTRODUCED: July 25, 2016

A RESOLUTION No. 2016-R057

To amend Res. No. 2003-R230-2004-R18, adopted Jan. 12, 2004, as previously amended by Res. No. 2010-R141-173, adopted Nov. 8, 2010, and Res. No. 2016-R017, adopted Mar. 28, 2016, which established a procedure to be followed before the Council appoints a tenant representative to serve on the Board of Commissioners of the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority, to provide for the appointment of a Housing Choice Voucher user as a third tenant representative.

Patron – Ms. Robertson

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: SEPT 26 2016 AT 6 P.M.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND:

I. That Resolution No. 2003-R230-2004-R18, adopted January 12, 2004, as previously amended by Resolution No. 2010-R141-173, adopted November 8, 2010, and Resolution No. 2016-R017, adopted March 28, 2016, be and is hereby amended as follows:

WHEREAS, the regulations of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development require that the membership of the Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) of the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority include at least one (1) member living in public or assisted housing (a “Tenant Representative”); and

AYES: 9 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: DEC 12 2016 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

WHEREAS, the Council desires that the Richmond Tenants' Organization, an organization representing residents of public housing, conduct the initial review of applicants for ~~the~~ a Tenant Representative seat on the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Richmond, and particularly of the residents of public and assisted housing in the City, that the Council establish a procedure to be followed before the Council appoints a Tenant Representative to serve on the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND:

That the Council shall make appointments to fill ~~two~~ tenant representative seats, one of which must be a person using a Housing Choice Voucher, on the Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (the "Authority") in accordance with the following procedure:

1. ***Recommendation to Committee.*** Within 60 days after receiving notice of such a vacancy from the City Clerk, the Richmond Tenants' Organization (the "Organization") is requested to recommend up to six (6) candidates for each vacant tenant representative seat for consideration by the Land Use, Housing and Transportation Standing Committee of the Council (the "Committee"). If the Organization has not recommended and submitted an application for at least one candidate within 60 days after the Organization receives notice from the City Clerk that a recommendation is sought to fill a vacancy, the Committee may recommend one or more candidates who meet the definition of an "eligible resident" in the regulations concerning resident board members promulgated by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

2. ***Application.*** The Organization shall submit to the City Clerk an application for each candidate whom it recommends. The City Clerk shall solicit an application from each candidate the Committee recommends. The application shall include the following:

A. A résumé for each candidate detailing work experience (if applicable), community activities and organizational involvement.

B. A letter of recommendation from the Organization.

C. A brief letter from the candidate stating the type of assistance the candidate receives from the Authority, why the candidate wishes to serve on the Board and the contributions that the candidate would bring to the Board.

D. A certification by the Authority, or, for assisted housing candidates, by a private landlord, that the candidate is in good standing as a tenant. “Good standing” includes but need not necessarily be limited to (i) no lease violations and (ii) a good rent paying history.

The City Clerk shall transmit each application to the Committee. The Committee may, but shall not be required to, consider candidates for whom it does not receive a complete application.

3. ***Review by Committee.*** The Committee shall review the applications for completeness and for any other criteria that the Committee may choose to consider. The Committee may, at its option, interview the candidates.

4. ***Recommendations by Committee.*** Upon completing its review, the Committee shall forward its recommendations to the Organizational Development Standing Committee of the Council. These recommendations may include such candidates recommended by the Organization and such other candidates as it may choose to recommend, either or both.

5. ***Reappointment.*** Notwithstanding the requirements of paragraph (1) of this resolution, upon the expiration of a tenant representative's term of office, the Council may reappoint an incumbent tenant representative to serve as tenant representative for a new term, subject to the review process set forth in paragraphs (3) and (4) of this resolution. Any incumbent tenant representative desiring to be considered for such reappointment shall submit to the City Clerk a new application meeting the requirements of subparagraphs (A), (B), (C) and (D) of paragraph (2) of this resolution. The City Clerk shall transmit each application to the Committee. The Committee may, but shall not be required to, consider for reappointment candidates from whom it does not receive a complete application.

II. This amendatory resolution shall be in force and effect upon adoption.



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Council Ordinance/Resolution Request

TO Allen L. Jackson, Richmond City Attorney *ALJ*

THROUGH Lou Brown Ali, Council Chief of Staff

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DATE July 13, 2016

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TITLE: **Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA) Board
Commissioner Designation of Seat for Housing Choice Voucher Tenant**

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OFFICE OF CITY ATTORNEY

This is a request for the drafting of an/a Ordinance Resolution

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

Council member Ellen Robertson

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

Land Use, Housing and Transportation

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Amend the Resolution regarding representation of two tenants to the RRHA Board to increase the number to include a tenant that uses a Housing Choice Voucher.

BACKGROUND

The current Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority Board of Commissioners (RRHA) consists of nine members that includes two tenant RRHA representatives and seven non-tenant representatives.

This Resolution is requesting that one of the seven non-tenant member seats on the RRHA Board of Commissioners be designated as an appointment to include a tenant representative from the HUD Housing Choice Voucher Program. The proposed amendment would increase the tenant representation from the current number of two to three tenants with a designated seat for a tenant from the Voucher Program. It is the view of the patron that a representative from the Housing Choice Voucher Program would offer a greater perspective and viewpoint from all tenants whom receive services and reside under the auspices of RRHA administration.

There are no regulations prohibiting the proposed increase of tenant representatives to three. Pursuant to the Code of Virginia §36-11, the governing body of the city shall appoint not more than nine or less than five persons as commissioners of the authority created for the city. Regulations (U.S. Code Title 42, Section 1437 (b)(1)(A)) of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) require that the membership of the Board of Commissioners ("the Board") of the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA) include at least one (1) member living in public or assisted housing (a "Tenant Representative"). Currently, Council has included two seats.

Council has previously adopted Resolutions to increase the seats on the RRHA Board. Following the creation of the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority, Council initially appointed five commissioners to serve on the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, and subsequently increased this number to seven by Resolution No. 99-R46-80, adopted March 22, 1999. Of the seven commissioners serving on the Board, only one seat was designated for a tenant representative. As adopted by Resolution No. 2010-R140-162, Council increased the number of commissioners from seven members to the maximum number of nine, pursuant to Code of Virginia §36-11. This change establishing the current configuration of membership, enabled Council to appoint an additional commissioner and another tenant representative to the Board.

With this Resolution, there would still be a total of nine Board Commissioners with six appointed seats and three tenant representatives (one of which to hold a housing choice voucher).

Should the proposed Resolution be adopted, the next seat is not open until January, 2017. Currently, that seat is eligible for an indefinite reappointment.

Fiscal Impact

There is no additional fiscal costs associated with this designation. Currently, all members of the RRHA Board of Commissioners receive a monthly stipend of \$150.00 for attending meetings of RRHA. Pursuant to the provisions of Code of Virginia, §36-11 and Richmond City Code §2-758, members shall be entitled to receive the maximum total of \$150.00 in any month for attendance of scheduled meetings.

The expected introduction date of this Resolution is July 25, 2016.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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| Fiscal Impact | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Budget Amendment Required | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Attachment/s Yes No
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