

December 17, 2018

RESOLUTION #2018.108 MOTION OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND PLANNING COMMISSION

TO DECLARE AN INTENT TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE COLISEUM MALL (CM) DISTRICT AND THE SIGNAGE AND PARKING REGULATIONS FOR THAT DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 15.2-2286 of the 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 therefore; and

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2017, the City issued a Request for Proposals to redevelop an area of downtown generally bounded by E. Leigh Street to the north, E. Marshall Street to the south, N. Tenth Street to the east, and N. Fifth Street to the west; and

WHEREAS, the proposed development is to be a dense, active, urban mixed-use neighborhood centered on an entertainment arena where the Richmond Coliseum now stands; and

WHEREAS, certain uses currently allowed in the CM district are not appropriate to the development vision and certain uses in the development vision are not currently allowed in the CM district, including increased height and transit centers; and

WHEREAS, the development vision includes signage of types and sizes not currently permitted and which would be unique to this district; and

WHEREAS, the purposes of zoning cited in the Code of Virginia include facilitating the creation of a convenient, attractive and harmonious community, encouraging economic development and enlarging the tax base, and providing for public safety and preventing congestion in the streets;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Planning Commission hereby declares that the public necessity, convenience, general welfare and good zoning practices of the City require the initiation of an amendment to the City Zoning Ordinance in order to accomplish the vision of the Pulse Corridor Plan and the intent of the City's Request for Proposals, through the proposed development.

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