

INTRODUCED: December 17, 2018

A RESOLUTION No. 2018-R103

To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the Director of Planning and Development Review to develop a process for preparing school impact statements for new developments in the city of Richmond.

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Patron – Ms. Larson

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Approved as to form and legality  
by the City Attorney  
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PUBLIC HEARING: JAN 28 2019 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, the Council believes that there has been a rise in development in the city of Richmond that has resulted in an increase in the population of the city of Richmond from 204,214 in 2010 to 222,853 in 2017; and

WHEREAS, this population growth has, in turn, generated a surge in enrollment at schools administered by the School Board of the City of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, the Council also believes that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Richmond and especially students of schools administered by the School Board of the City of Richmond that the Council request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the Director of Planning and Development Review to develop a process for preparing school impact

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statements for new developments in the city of Richmond to systematically assess the effects of such developments on schools administered by the School Board of the City of Richmond;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the Council hereby requests that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the Director of Planning and Development Review, with the advice and comment of the staff of the School Board of the City of Richmond, to develop a process for preparing school impact statements for new developments in the city of Richmond that systematically addresses how new developments may affect all of the following:

1. Enrollment for individual schools administered by the School Board of the City of Richmond and all such schools collectively.
2. Public transportation needs, including bus stops and infrastructure for pedestrians.
3. Traffic in the areas surrounding schools administered by the School Board of the City of Richmond, including vehicular access to such schools for dropping off or picking up students.
4. The safety of schools administered by the School Board of the City of Richmond.
5. Any other school-related factors as the Director of Planning and Development Review may deem appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Council hereby requests that the process for which this resolution calls include a requirement that the Chief Administrative Officer, with the advice and comment of the staff of the School Board of the City of Richmond, develop a plan to mitigate the effects of any proposed development on schools administered by the School Board of the City of Richmond if the Chief

Administrative Officer determines, after consultation with the staff of the School Board of the City of Richmond, that such development will have an impact on such schools in one or more of the above-described categories.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That the Council hereby requests that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the Director of Planning and Development Review to complete the process for which this resolution calls, and provide to the Council a report on the Director's findings and recommendations, within 60 days after the adoption of this resolution.



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### Ordinance/Resolution Request

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**DATE** November 30, 2018

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**TITLE** School Impact Statements

OFFICE OF CITY ATTORNEY

This is a request for the drafting of an  Ordinance  Resolution

**REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON**

Kristen N. Larson, 4<sup>th</sup> District Representative

**SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE**

Finance and Economic Development

**ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY**

The Patron requests resolution expressing the desire of City Council to have the Department of Planning and Development Review develop a process for production of "Schools Impact Statements" for all new developments in the City of Richmond. These "Schools Impact Statements" are intended to assess the impact that a proposed development is projected to have on:

- Public school enrollment, both for individual schools, and the Richmond School System generally;
- Pupil transportation needs, including bus stop and pedestrian infrastructure;
- Traffic impact on the areas adjacent to local schools, including vehicular access to schools for student drop-off and pick-up;
- School Safety; and
- Such other information as the Department of Planning and Development Review shall deem appropriate.

In developing the process for production of "Schools Impact Statements" the Department of Planning and Development Review, is to seek input and assistance from Richmond Public Schools.

The process is to include a provision that the Chief Administrative Officer, in cooperation with Richmond Public Schools, shall develop a plan to mitigate the impact if a proposed development is determined to have an impact on schools.

The Department of Planning and Development Review shall complete its work on development of a process for production of "Schools Impact Statements", and report its findings and recommendations within sixty (60) calendar days of adoption of this resolution.

## BACKGROUND

### Summary:

- Development in the City of Richmond has experienced a notable upswing in recent years.
- The resulting population growth has caused the population of the City of Richmond to increase from 204,214 in 2010 to 222,853 in 2017. (Estimates from the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service at the University of Virginia.)
- The patron believes that this growth in population has resulted in increased enrollment at certain Richmond Public Schools.
- The patron believes that the proposed "Schools Impact Statement" will provide valuable information for the evaluation of the impact that any proposed development will have on Richmond Public Schools.

## FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal Impact Yes  No

Budget Amendment Required Yes  No

### Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact

There will be a cost for review of the proposed "Schools Impact Statements", and development of plans to mitigate any impact that is identified. This cost cannot be estimated, since it will vary depending on the number and complexity of development proposals submitted to the City.

Attachment/s Yes  No

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