

INTRODUCED: September 10, 2018

AN ORDINANCE No. 2018-241

As Amended

To amend ch. 16, art. I of the City Code by adding therein a new § 16-2, concerning a requirement for a homeless strategic plan, to require a homeless strategic plan to be presented to the City Council and the Mayor commencing no later than Oct. 1, 2019, and updated homeless strategic plans by Oct. 1 every two years thereafter.

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Patrons – Mrs. Robertson, Mr. Agelasto, Mr. Addison and Ms. Gray

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Approved as to form and legality  
by the City Attorney  
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PUBLIC HEARING: OCT 8 2018 AT 6 P.M.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That Chapter 16, Article I of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015) be and is hereby amended and reordained **by adding therein a new** section 16-2 as follows:

**Sec. 16-2. Homeless strategic plan required.**

(a) The Chief Administrative Officer shall prepare and submit to the City Council and the Mayor a written homeless strategic plan to eliminate homelessness in the city of Richmond by no later than October 1, 2019. Such plan shall be updated and submitted to the City Council and the Mayor by no later than October 1 every two years thereafter. At a minimum, the homeless strategic plan shall include the following:

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(1) Recommendations for new standards for or amendments to the conditional use permit requirements to facilitate the development of housing or shelters for the homeless that are not overly burdensome in comparison to other zoning requirements or regulations applicable to the zoning district in which such housing or shelters are situated.

(2) An inventory of currently available housing or shelters for the homeless and operational costs for each facility.

(3) An assessment of the need for more housing or shelters and the costs to provide them.

(4) Identification of potential locations for additional housing or shelters and services which include a continuum of care model based on best practices.

(5) Goals and objectives for increasing the availability of housing or shelters for the homeless and quantifiable metrics and performance measures for meeting those goals and objectives.

(6) A process for the participation of state, regional, and local organizations as well as residents of the city of Richmond in the planning and development of housing and shelters for the homeless, which includes a list of the state, regional, and local organizations as well as residents of the city of Richmond who participated in the planning and development of such housing and shelters for the homeless.

(7) A statement concerning any modifications to the plan and its progress in meeting the goals and objectives of the plan.

(8) Incorporation of strategies to lessen the negative externalities or burdens caused by homelessness for all neighborhoods in the city.

(9) A statement of the policies, procedures, and standards of service governing the provision of housing or shelter to homeless individuals in publicly-owned properties by the City and any service contractors thereof.

(b) The Chief Administrative Officer shall report annually to the Council's Governmental Operations Standing Committee on the progress made toward the quantifiable metrics and performance measures called for in subdivision (5) of this section.

(c) The Chief Administrative Officer shall present to the Council within 45 days of adoption of the ordinance establishing this section a detailed schedule specifying each phase of development of the homeless strategic plan and the expected completion date of the homeless strategic plan.

§ 2. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.



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Council Chief of Staff

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## Council Ordinance/Resolution Request

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**DATE** August 23, 2018

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**TITLE:** Ordinance to Require the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to Develop a Homeless Strategic Plan

This is a request for the drafting of an  Ordinance  Resolution

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

Council Member Ellen Robertson

Governmental Operations

### ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Ordinance to require that the CAO develop a Homeless Strategic Plan to eliminate homelessness which includes the development of zoning policies for emergency shelters, transitional and supportive housing for unsheltered individuals and creating a means for community members to have their concerns heard.

### BACKGROUND

This Ordinance is to require the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) develop and update a strategic plan for the City which includes land use zoning policies to include by-right emergency shelters, transitional, and supportive housing for unsheltered individuals.

The strategic plan shall to be designed to meet the needs of the residents experiencing or at risk of being unsheltered in the City of Richmond and include the following:

- (1) Recommendations of standards and zoning changes to improve the conditional use permit requirements to accommodate housing for homeless individuals. Standards for such housing shall not be overly burdensome in comparison to other housing policies in the zone.
- An inventory of what resources are currently available and the costs.
  - An assessment of the need for more shelters and the costs to provide shelters.
  - Identification of potential locations to provide increased services and shelter.
- (2) Identification of specific goals and objectives and the development of quantifiable metrics and performance measures for attaining each such goal and objective.
- (3) The CAO shall include in its strategic planning process the participation of key partners, including state, regional, and local organizations and residents of the City of Richmond.
- (4) The CAO shall submit and update every two years, by October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year the strategic plan, any modifications to the plan, and its progress toward meeting the goals and objectives as stated in the strategic plan to City Council and the Mayor.

The recommended introduction date is September 10, 2018.

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

Fiscal Impact	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Amendment Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact	\$	
Anticipated Costs - Staff Time and Resources		

Attachment/s Yes  No

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