

INTRODUCED: April 22, 2019

AN ORDINANCE No. 2019-115

To amend ch. 2, art. III of the City Code by adding therein a new section 2-58, concerning restrictions on activities of former officers and employees, for the purpose of reflecting amendments to state law.

Patrons – Mr. Agelasto, Ms. Larson, and Ms. Gray

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: MAY 13 2019 AT 6 P.M.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That Chapter 2, Article III of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015) be and is hereby amended and reordained by **adding therein a new** section 2-58, as follows:

Sec. 2-58. Restrictions on activities of former officers and employees.

(a) The term “officer or employee,” as used in this section, includes members of the City Council, City officers and employees, and individuals who receive monetary compensation for service on or employment by agencies, boards, authorities, sanitary districts, commissions, committees, and task forces appointed by the City Council.

AYES: 9 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: MAY 13 2019 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

(b) It shall be unlawful for former officers and employees, for one year after their terms of office have ended or employment has ceased, to represent a client or act in a representative capacity on behalf of any person or group, for compensation, on matters related to ordinances, contracts, proceedings, applications, cases, or other matters of any nature involving any agency, department, or office of the City government in which the former officer or employee served or was employed during the one-year period immediately prior to the termination of employment or service. This prohibition shall be in addition to any other prohibition that may be provided by law.

§ 2. This ordinance shall be in force and effect on July 1, 2019.



Richmond City Council

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Richmond, Virginia

Office of the Council Chief of Staff

Council Ordinance/Resolution Request

TO Allen L. Jackson, Richmond City Attorney

THROUGH Meghan Brown, Interim Council Chief of Staff *MYB*

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TITLE: Amend Richmond City Code § 2-58 to Prohibit Lobbying After Employment

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

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

Council member Agelasto, Council member Larson, and Council member Gray

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

Governmental Operations

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Ordinance is to request an amendment to Richmond City Code § 2-58 to prohibit lobbying after employment with the City of Richmond and to implement the state legislation which amended Virginia Code § 15.2-1408.

BACKGROUND

This O&R is to request an amendment to Richmond City Code § 2-58 to prohibit lobbying after employment with the City of Richmond and to implement the state legislation which amended Virginia Code § 15.2-1408 which addresses "revolving door" provisions.

The Richmond City Council Ethics Reform Task Force determined that the Statute should be amended to authorize the City of Richmond to impose "revolving door" restrictions similar to but more expansive than the restrictions under the state statute. The City of Richmond has a similar administrative regulation that is enforceable against employees, but it only applies during their tenure. Legislation submitted to the 2019 Virginia General Assembly, the approved legislation resulted in Chapters 111, approved February 21, 2019, and 472, approved March 18, 2019, of the 2019 Acts of Assembly of Virginia, to authorize Richmond to prohibit former employees from engaging in lobbying activities.

This patrons desire to amend the City of Richmond Codes of Ordinances to prohibit lobbying after employment and recommend Section 2-58 to implement Chapters 111 and 472 of the 2019 Acts of Assembly of Virginia. The amendment to Section 2-58 is as follows:

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal Impact Yes No
Budget Amendment Required Yes No
Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact

Attachment/s Yes No

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