

INTRODUCED: October 14, 2019

AN ORDINANCE No. 2019-289

To amend ch. 19, art. VII, div. 2 of the City Code by adding therein a new § 19-334.2, concerning the reporting of lost or stolen firearms, for the purpose of imposing a requirement that lost or stolen firearms be reported to the Department of Police and prescribing a civil penalty for violations thereof.

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Patron – Mayor Stoney

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Approved as to form and legality  
by the City Attorney  
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PUBLIC HEARING: NOV 12 2019 AT 6 P.M.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That Chapter 19, Article VII, Division 2 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015) be and is hereby amended and reordained by **adding therein a new** section numbered 19-334.2 as follows:

**Sec. 19-334.2. Reporting lost or stolen firearms.**

(a) Any person who loses a firearm or from whom a firearm is stolen shall report the loss or theft to the Department of Police within 24 hours after such person discovers the loss or theft or is informed by a person with personal knowledge of the loss or theft. The Department of

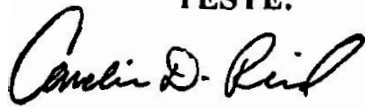
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Police shall enter such report information into the National Crime Information Center maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to the loss or theft of an antique firearm as defined in Code of Virginia, § 18.2-308.2:2.

(b) A violation of this section is punishable, for a first offense, by a civil penalty of \$125.00 and, for any subsequent offense, by a civil penalty of \$250.00, which shall be paid to the City treasury.

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

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**City Clerk**



# CITY OF RICHMOND

## INTRACITY CORRESPONDENCE

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### REQUEST

**DATE:** October 4, 2019

**EDITION:** 1

**TO:** The Honorable Members of City Council

**FROM:** The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor

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**RE:** City of Richmond Reporting of Lost or Stolen Firearms

**ORD. OR RES. No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**PURPOSE:** Ordinance to require that lost or stolen firearms be reported to the Richmond Police Department within 24 hours.

**REASON:** To ensure the safety of City of Richmond residents by imposing a civic responsibility when a firearm is lost or stolen.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approval is recommended by the City Administration.

**BACKGROUND:** The Richmond Police Department reported that more than 100 firearms were stolen from vehicles in the City of Richmond just this year. Lost or stolen guns are more than likely to be diverted to the illegal gun market, where they can then be used in criminal offences. The reporting of lost or stolen firearms helps reduce gun trafficking by requiring individuals to report loss or theft in a timely manner, and it helps law enforcement recover and return lost or stolen guns to their rightful owners.

**FISCAL IMPACT / COST:** N/A

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:** The City of Richmond could collect revenue from those who violate the reporting timeline of 24 hours. The fines are as follows: First offense, by a civil penalty of \$50.00 and, for any subsequent offense, by a civil penalty of not less than \$100.00 or more than \$250.00, which shall be paid to the City treasury.

**BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY:** N/A

**REVENUE TO CITY:** See above fiscal impact statement.

**DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE:** Upon adoption.

**REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE:** October 14, 2019

**CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE:** November 12, 2019

**REQUESTED AGENDA:** Consent agenda.

**RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE:** Public Safety Committee

**CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES:** None.

**AFFECTED AGENCIES:** Richmond Police Department

**RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.:** None.

**REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S):** None.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**STAFF:** Lincoln Saunders, Chief of Staff, Office of Mayor Levar Stoney