



CITY OF RICHMOND

PLANNING COMMISSION

August 3, 2020

**RESOLUTION 2020-033
MOTION OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND PLANNING COMMISSION**

**TO DECLARE AN INTENT TO AMEND THE B-3 GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT IN
RESPONSE TO CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2018-R081.**

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, City Council passed Resolution 2018-R081 requesting that the Planning Commission cause to be conducted a study of all properties zoned B-3 General Business and to determine if such properties should be rezoned; and

WHEREAS, Planning and Development Review staff did conduct said study, and produced a report presented to the Resolution's patron and the Planning Commission in January of 2019, in which each area zoned B-3 was categorized as either needing rezoning within 1 to 3 years or needing further study and public input as part of the Richmond 300 Master Plan process; and

WHEREAS, staff has further analyzed and discussed and believes that the most effective first step is to amend the language and requirements of the B-3 district itself; and

WHEREAS, there has been significant concern within the Ninth Council District regarding adult related uses currently allowed in the B-3 district and amending the district is an effective method of addressing those concerns; and

WHEREAS, amending the B-3 General Business District is in conformity with both the draft Richmond 300 Master Plan and good planning practices; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, for the purposes of public necessity, convenience, general welfare and good zoning practices, the City of Richmond Planning Commission hereby adopts a resolution of intent to amend the B-3 General Business District.

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Rodney Poole
Chair, City Planning Commission

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew Ebinger".

Matthew Ebinger
Secretary, City Planning Commission