

INTRODUCED: November 9, 2020

A RESOLUTION No. 2020-R064

To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the presentation of a report identifying a location for an inclement weather shelter for homeless persons in the city of Richmond when the outdoor or wind chill temperature falls to 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below, when the outdoor temperature rises to 92 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, or when the forecast includes an accumulation of precipitation of one inch or more in a 24-hour period, a hurricane, a tornado, or high winds.

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Patrons – Ms. Larson and Ms. Gray

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Approved as to form and legality  
by the City Attorney  
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PUBLIC HEARING: DEC 14 2020 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, the Council believes that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Richmond that the Council request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the presentation of a report identifying a location for an inclement weather shelter for homeless persons in the city of Richmond when the outdoor or wind chill temperature falls to 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below, when the outdoor temperature rises to 92 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, or when the forecast includes an accumulation of precipitation of one inch or more in a 24-hour period, a hurricane, a tornado, or high winds;

NOW, THEREFORE,

AYES:                  9            NOES:                  0            ABSTAIN:        \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED:          DEC 14 2020        REJECTED:        \_\_\_\_\_      STRICKEN:        \_\_\_\_\_

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

That the Council requests that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the presentation of a report identifying a location for an inclement weather shelter to serve the needs of the homeless in the city of Richmond, irrespective of the calendar date, when the outdoor or wind chill temperature falls to 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below, when the outdoor temperature rises to 92 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, or when the forecast includes an accumulation of precipitation of one inch or more in a 24-hour period, a hurricane, a tornado, or high winds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Council requests that such report include, at a minimum, the following:

1. An examination of options to replace as a cold weather shelter the City-owned building known as the Annie Giles Community Resource Center and located at 1400 Oliver Hill Way, which served homeless persons in the City of Richmond until April 15, 2020, in accordance with Ordinance No. 2019-245, adopted October 14, 2019.
2. Identification of potential locations for an inclement weather shelter for homeless persons in the city of Richmond when the outdoor or wind chill temperature falls to 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below, when the outdoor temperature rises to 92 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, or when the forecast includes an accumulation of precipitation of one inch or more in a 24-hour period, a hurricane, a tornado, or high winds.
3. Analysis of the associated budget and budgetary needs for each location.
4. Identification of the source of funds for implementing the use of each location.
5. Identification of the amenities and functionality of each location.
6. Consideration of requirements for COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, social distancing guidelines, and health and safety precautions within each location.

7. A timeline for the implementation of the use of an identified location for an inclement weather shelter.

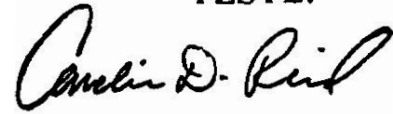
8. Recommendations concerning appropriate sites for inclement weather shelters from the City's Administration, housing partners, and organizations dedicated to serving homeless persons within the city of Richmond.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Council requests that an initial report be provided to Council within 30 days after the adoption of this resolution, with subsequent reports to be submitted to the Council annually by September 1, as necessary, providing an update on the planned inclement weather shelter options for the immediately ensuing winter season.

**A TRUE COPY:**

**TESTE:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amelia D. Reed". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A' and a distinct 'D'.

**City Clerk**



# Richmond City Council

The Voice of the People

Richmond, Virginia

## Office of the Council Chief of Staff

### Ordinance/Resolution Request

**TO** Haskell Brown, Interim City Attorney

**THROUGH** Lawrence Anderson, Council Chief of Staff

**FROM** Joyce L. Davis, Council Policy Analyst  
Office of the Council Chief of Staff

**COPY** Kristen Larson, 4<sup>th</sup> District Council member  
Tabrica Rentz, Interim Deputy City Attorney  
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Aaron Bond, 4<sup>th</sup> District Liaison

**DATE** October 28, 2020

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**TITLE** Resolution to request the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to present a plan to identify a location for an Inclement Weather Shelter during inclement weather conditions.

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

**REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON**

Councilmember Kristen Larson

**SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE**

Education and Human Services

**ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY**

This O&R is requested for a resolution to request the CAO to present a plan to identify a location for an Inclement Weather Shelter option to meet the needs of persons during inclement weather conditions and serve as a facility for homeless persons in the city of Richmond when the outdoor or wind chill temperature falls to 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below and when the outdoor temperature rises to 92 degrees Fahrenheit or higher.

**BACKGROUND**

This O&R is requested for a resolution to request the CAO to present a plan to identify a location for an Inclement Weather Shelter option to meet the needs of persons during inclement weather conditions. The plan should include a policy for the Inclement Weather Shelter to operate when the outdoor or wind chill temperature falls to 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below and when the outdoor temperature rises to 92 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, when there is a forecast of accumulation of one inch or more of rain, snow, sleet or other precipitation within a 24-hour period, or when there is a forecast that includes a warning for a hurricane, tornado or high winds. The request for this policy is that it would not be driven by any calendar date, but would be offered according to the weather conditions.

The plan should examine the option of replacing the services provided by the Cold Weather Shelter, which most recently operated in the Annie Giles Community Resource Center, located in the city of Richmond at 1400 Oliver Hill Way.

The current City of Richmond's Homeless Strategic Plan has provisions and long term goals to provide future shelter facilities for individuals within the council districts of the Richmond community, however, this plan does not include a Cold or Inclement Weather Shelter. Pursuant to Ord. No. 2019-245, adopted Oct. 14, 2019, the use of the Annie Giles Community Resource Center agreement expired for the Cold Weather Shelter's physical space, and there are no provisions for a Cold or Inclement Weather Shelter in the Homeless Strategic Plan to accommodate individuals in the upcoming 2020-21 winter season.

The initial report with recommendations should be provided to Council within 30 days of the adoption of this resolution. The requested recommendations should identify: the plan; associated budget and budgetary needs; source of funds; the program location; amenities and functionality of the space; and a timeline for the identified plan for an inclement weather shelter for winter months 2020-2021. The plan should include considerations which would be non-congregate in nature to allow for required COVID-19 restrictions and distancing guidelines and health and safety precautions.

Subsequent reports to Council should be submitted by September 1<sup>st</sup> to provide an annual update on planned shelter options for inclement weather for the upcoming winter season. The report should culminate from ongoing and proactive communications of city administration and housing partners for an annual plan to re-evaluate and cultivate shelter options during inclement weather.

The requested introduction date is November 9, 2020.

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

Fiscal Impact	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Budget Amendment Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact	\$ 0	
The report will require staff resources. An amount cannot be estimated at this time.		
Attachment/s	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Attachment:**