

INTRODUCED: December 14, 2020

Expedited Consideration

A RESOLUTION No. 2020-R066

To express support for the request by the County of Henrico that the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development approve its application to amend its portion of Zone III (formerly known as the North Enterprise Zone); and to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to execute the Joint Amendment Agreement indicating the City’s support for the County’s application.

Patron – Mayor Stoney

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: DEC 14 2020 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, in April 2003, the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (the “Department”) redesignated the City’s Zone III (formerly known as the North Zone) as a Joint Enterprise Zone shared by the City of Richmond and the County of Henrico (the “County”); and

WHEREAS, the County is requesting that the Department approve its application to amend its portion of Zone III; and

AYES: 8 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: DEC 14 2020 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

WHEREAS, the Enterprise Zone Program Regulation administered by the Department (the "Regulation") provides that the City must acquiesce to the County's request before the Department approves the request; and

WHEREAS, the Regulation requires that this acquiescence be demonstrated by an application agreement executed by the Chief Administrative Officer and the adoption of a resolution by the City Council supporting this agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that its support of the County's request will have no administrative or programmatic impact on the City's portion of Zone III; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the City and of the County that the City Council expresses its support for the County's request to amend its portion of Zone III and authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to execute the necessary agreement required by the Regulation to demonstrate this support;

NOW, THEREFORE,

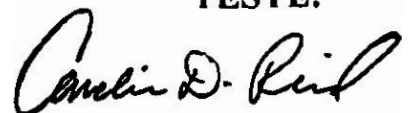
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND:

That the Council hereby expresses its support for the request by the County of Henrico that the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development approve its application to amend its portion of Zone III.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the City Council hereby authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer, for and on behalf of the City of Richmond, to execute the Joint Application Amendment Agreement indicating the City's support for the County's application. Such agreement shall be substantially in the form of the document attached to this resolution and shall be approved as to form by the City Attorney.

**A TRUE COPY:
TESTE:**



City Clerk

RECEIVED

By Barbara Fore at 3:03 pm, Nov 20, 2020

By Barbara Fore at 1:58 pm, Dec 04, 2020

RECEIVED
By CAD Office at 1:54 pm, Nov 18, 2020

2020-169




CITY OF RICHMOND


INTRACITY CORRESPONDENCE


O&R REQUEST


DATE: October 13, 2020

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

THROUGH: Levar Stoney, Mayor 

THROUGH: Lenora Reid, Acting Chief Administrative Officer 

THROUGH: Sharon Ebert, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer 

FROM: Leonard Sledge, Director of the Department of Economic Development 

RE: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE COUNTY OF HENRICO ENTERPRISE ZONE AMENDMENT

ORD. ORRES. No. _____

PURPOSE: To provide a supporting resolution for the County of Henrico's amendment of its portion of the Joint Enterprise Zone (consisting of the City of Richmond Zone III and Henrico County Enterprise Zone). The County would like to make deletions and additions to its zone boundary.

REASON: The Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) Enterprise Zone Grant Program regulation requires that participating localities in Joint Enterprise Zones agree to any administrative actions requested of the agency by the neighboring jurisdiction. The agreement must come in the form of a signed Joint Application Agreement executed by the locality's chief administrator and the adoption of a resolution by the locality's governing body supporting such an agreement.

RECOMMENDATION: Adoption of the resolution is recommended by the City Administration.

BACKGROUND: In April 2003, the City's North Enterprise Zone was redesignated by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) as a Joint Enterprise Zone with neighboring Henrico County. The County established a zone area contiguous to the City's North Zone Broad Street corridor. Both the County and the City can independently have 3,840 acres in their respective zone areas. Acreage is autonomous and cannot be shared or exchanged between the two localities. The requested resolution will support the County in its request to amend its portion of the zone. This action has no administrative or programmatic impact on the City's portion of the Joint Enterprise Zone.

FISCAL IMPACT/COST: There is no fiscal impact to the City.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: There are no direct fiscal implications for the City associated with this Enterprise Zone amendment.

BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY: No budget amendment is associated with this item.

REVENUE TO CITY: None. The provision of incentives by the County of Henrico and the Commonwealth of Virginia to qualifying businesses in the neighboring zone area will, however, increase the overall economic vitality of the region.

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon adoption by City Council.

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: December 14, 2020

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: December 14, 2020

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent Agenda

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: No Council Committee recommended. Expedited consideration is requested pursuant to Rule V(B).

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES: Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.

AFFECTED AGENCIES: Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, Law Department.

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS: None

REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S): None

ATTACHMENTS: Requesting correspondence from the County of Henrico, Maps, and the Joint Application Agreement Form (this document should be signed by the Chief Administrative Officer).

STAFF: Keisha Birchett, Project Development Manager, Department of Economic Development; (804) 646-3171

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF HENRICO

John A. Vithoukas
County Manager

June 10, 2020

Lenora Reid
Acting Chief Administrative Officer
City of Richmond
900 E. Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219

Re: Henrico County Enterprise Zone

Dear Ms. Reid:

I am writing to inform you of Henrico County's proposed amendment to the joint Enterprise Zone with the City of Richmond. Because this is a joint Zone between Henrico and Richmond, any amendment to the Zone undertaken by one locality must be agreed to by the other. We currently anticipate adoption of the amendment by the Henrico Board of Supervisors in late July and will submit the amendment package for City approval following that action.

Economic Development Director Leonard Sledge is aware of this pending request and he has been provided the details of our proposed amendment. We have also reviewed the amendment and incentive modifications with staff from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development and they are supportive of our proposal.

All the properties that are impacted are located within Henrico County and pursuant to the Virginia Enterprise Zone regulations, any changes to the zone boundaries in Henrico have no impact on the ability of the City of Richmond to modify the boundaries of the Richmond component of the joint zone.

We would greatly appreciate the City's endorsement of the proposed amendment prior to September 30, 2020. This can occur either by City Council resolution or administrative approval. We are happy to answer any questions that you may have in the interim. If you have questions, please call me at 804-501-4386 or Eric Leabough at 804-501-7610.

Sincerely,



John A. Vithoukas
County Manager

Joint Zone Amendment Agreement

Each jurisdiction participating in a joint zone must complete the following form when any jurisdiction in the zone submits an amendment application. This form insures that all jurisdictions are in agreement with the application being submitted by the amending jurisdiction.

JOINT ZONE AMENDMENT AGREEMENT

As the representative of the local governing body of City of Richmond, Virginia, I hereby certify that:
(locality)

- 1) The aforementioned locality is in agreement with the amending jurisdiction in filing this amendment;
- 2) The information in the Enterprise Zone application is accurate to the best of my knowledge;
- 3) A public hearing was held by County of Henrico, Virginia on July 28, 2020
(amending locality) (date)
to solicit comments on this amendment application amendment;
- 4) It is understood that if at any time the aforementioned locality is unable or unwilling to fulfill a commitment to provide local enterprise zone incentives listed in this application, the zone shall be subject to termination.

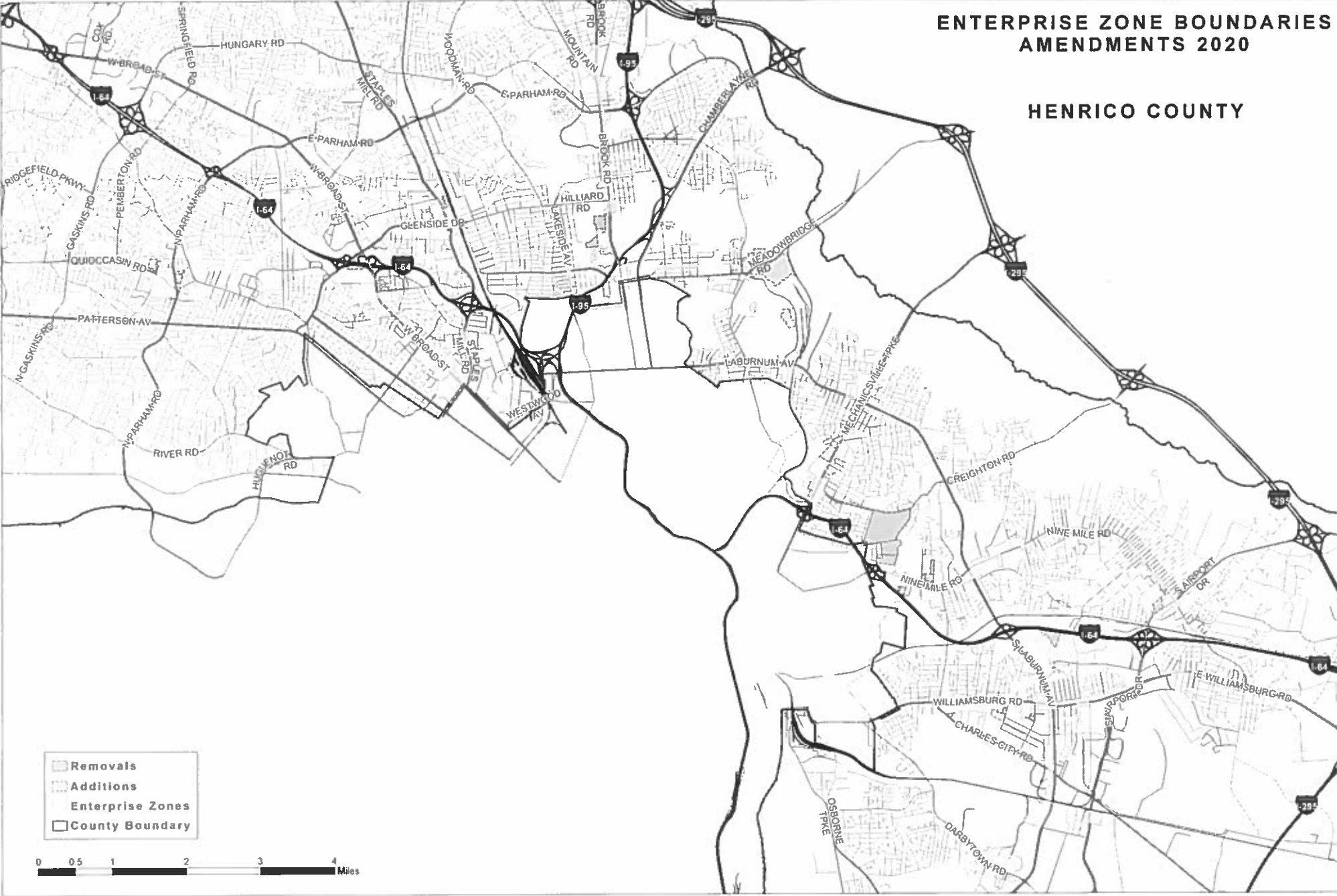
Chief Administrator: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

ENTERPRISE ZONE BOUNDARIES AMENDMENTS 2020

HENRICO COUNTY



- Removals
- Additions
- Enterprise Zones
- County Boundary

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