

# City Of Richmond, Virginia Office of the City Clerk

Request to Withdraw Legislation

Paper Number:

Ord. No. 2021-023

Chief Patron:

Mayor Levar Stoney

Introduction Date:

February 8, 2021

Chief Patron Signature:

For Office Use Only

Attestation: Candice Reid 4/12/2021

Effective Date: April 12, 2021

#### AN ORDINANCE No. 2021-023

To amend Ord. No. 2020-049, adopted May 11, 2020, which adopted the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 General Fund Budget and made appropriations pursuant thereto, by re-appropriating a \$656,995.00 portion of the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 fund balance excess identified as an assignment of "Unspent Building Code Fees" in the City's 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, and to appropriate these funds to the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 General Fund Budget by increasing estimated revenues and the amount appropriated to the Department of Planning and Development Review by \$656,995.00 for the purpose of supporting the functions of the Department of Planning and Development Review's Division of Permits and Inspections in compliance with Va. Code § 36-105.

Patron – Mayor Stoney

Approved as to form and legality by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: FEB 22 2021 AT 6 P.M.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That Ordinance No. 2020-049, adopted May 11, 2020, which adopted the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, and made appropriations thereto, be and is hereby amended by re-appropriating \$656,995.00 from that portion of the fund balance excess for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020, identified as an assignment of "Unspent Building Code Fees" in the City's 2020

| AYES:    | NOES:     | ABSTAIN:  |
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| ADOPTED: | REJECTED: | STRICKEN: |

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the purpose of supporting the functions of the Department of Planning and Development Review's Division of Permits and Inspections in compliance with section 36-105 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

§ 2. That the funds re-appropriated pursuant to section 1 of this ordinance are hereby appropriated to the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, by increasing estimated revenues by \$656,995.00, increasing the amount appropriated for expenditures by \$656,995.00, and allotting to the Department of Planning and Development Review the sum of \$656,995.00 for the purpose of supporting the functions of the Department of Planning and Development Review's Division of Permits and Inspections in compliance with section 36-105 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

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

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## CITY OF RICHMOND INTRACITY CORRESPONDENCE

| O&R REQUEST      |   |                             |
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| DATE:            | January 14, 2021  | EDITION: 1                  |
| TO:              | The Honorable Members of City Council                                       |                             |
| THROUGH:         | The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor  | A                           |
| THROUGH:         | Lincoln Saunders, Acting Chief Administrative Of                            | ficer JELS                  |
| THROUGH:         | John Wack, Director of Finance $\mathcal{GBW}$                              |                             |
| THROUGH:         | Jay A. Brown, Director of Budget and Strategic Pla                          | anning JAB                  |
| THROUGH:         | Sharon L. Ebert, Deputy Chief Administrative Offi<br>Development & Planning | cer for Economic            |
| THROUGH:         | Mark A. Olinger, Director of Planning Developmer                            | nt & Review                 |
| FROM:            | Jason Carangelo, Commissioner of Buildings                                  | anarela                     |
| RE:              | Appropriation of Prior Year Assigned Balance of E                           | Building Department Revenue |
| ORD. OR RES. No. |   |                             |

**PURPOSE:** To amend Ordinance 2020-049, adopted May 11, 2020, General Fund budget by appropriating \$656,995 in prior year assigned fund balance of unspent building department revenue to the FY2021 Planning Development & Review (PDR) general fund budget.

**REASON:** House Bill 1966 (HB 1966) mandates that fees levied per §36-105 of the Code of Virginia shall be used to support the functions of the local building department. The appropriation of \$656,995 that was assigned for this purpose in the City's FY2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) will help to ensure the efficient and effective delivery of services in the Permits and Inspections Division (P&I). The funding will be available to Permits and Inspections as an additional resource to meet the development community's expectations and to comply with this legislation as follows:

| \$150,000 | 0100-00502-73104-SV2007 Bank Fees to cover credit card charges          |
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| \$200,000 | 0100-00502-60000-SV2007 Fulltime Permanent Positions                    |
| \$100,000 | 0100-00502-70552-SV2007 Temporary Personnel Services                    |
| \$130,000 | 0100-00502-70161-SV2007 Management Services                             |
| \$6,995   | 0100-00502-71011-SV2007 Uniforms & Safety Supplies                      |
| \$20,000  | 0100-00502-80007-SV8007 Vehicle Expense (Purchase)                      |
| \$50,000  | 0100-00504-70123-SV2004 Construction Services for demolition and board- |
|           | ing   |

**RECOMMENDATION:** The City Administration recommends adoption.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The assignment of \$656,995 from FY2020 General Fund was affirmed via Ordinance 2020-049, and is reflected on page 63 of the City's FY2020 CAFR. These funds will supplement PDR's modified budget of \$10,891,674 for FY2021. The current modified appropriation for P&I (00502) is \$3,981,480. The allocation to P&I is \$606,995. The new appropriation for P&I will be \$4,588,475. The current modified appropriation for Property Maintenance Code Enforcement (PMCE) is \$3,394,112. The allocation to PMCE (00504) is \$50,000. The new appropriation for PMCE is \$3,444,112.

Once appropriated these funds will be transferred to PDR's General Fund budget. Over the past 10 years the development and construction community's expectations regarding expedient permitting, plan review and inspection services have not been met due the rapid increase and demand for these services as the City of Richmond has grown. Both locally and across the commonwealth contractors pursued assistance from legislators for solutions to this problem. As a result, in March of 2019 the General Assembly of Virginia amended and reenacted code 36-105 via HB 1966 which requires any fees that are levied by a local governing body in order to defray the cost of Building Code enforcement and appeals, with the exception of the levy imposed for the support of training programs of the Building Code Academy, be used only to support the functions of the local building department. "Local building department" means the agency or agencies of any local governing body charged with the administration, supervision, or enforcement of the Building Code and regulations, approval of plans, inspection of buildings, or issuance of permits, licenses, certificates or similar documents. Code of Virginia § 36-97. Definitions.

SOURCE: (must select all that apply)
New/increased revenue

Existing general

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Fund Balance/Reserve/Contingency/Other Funding)

### FISCAL IMPACT/COST ():

- If Adopted: N/A
- If Not Adopted: N/A

FISCAL IMPACT / COST: N/A

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:** The PDR General Fund appropriation will increase by \$656,995 for FY2021 and the corresponding fund balance will decrease by \$656,995.

BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY: Yes

**REVENUE TO CITY: N/A** 

**DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE:** Upon adoption

**REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE:** February 8, 2021

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: February 22, 2021

**REQUESTED AGENDA:** Consent

**RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE:** Waiver requested

**CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES: None** 

AFFECTED AGENCIES: Department of Finance, Budget and Strategic Planning

**RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.:** Amends FY2021 General Fund budget Ordinance 2020-049

**REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S): N/A** 

**ATTACHMENTS: N/A** 

STAFF: Jason Carangelo, Building Commissioner 646-6359