

INTRODUCED: April 26, 2021

A RESOLUTION No. 2021-R027

To declare a public necessity to amend ch. 30 of the City Code and to initiate an amendment to the City's zoning ordinance to eliminate parking space minimums.

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Patrons – Mr. Addison, Vice President Robertson, Mr. Jones and Ms. Lambert

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Approved as to form and legality  
by the City Attorney  
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PUBLIC HEARING: MAY 24 2021 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, section 15.2-2286 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, provides that a zoning ordinance may include, among other things, reasonable regulations and provisions for the amendment of regulations or district maps from time to time; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 15.2-2286 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, such amendment may be initiated by resolution of the governing body, provided that any such resolution by the governing body proposing an amendment to the regulations or district maps shall state the public purposes therefor; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Richmond believes that the City's zoning ordinance, codified as Chapter 30 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2020), as amended,

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ADOPTED:   MAY 24 2021   REJECTED: \_\_\_\_\_   STRICKEN: \_\_\_\_\_

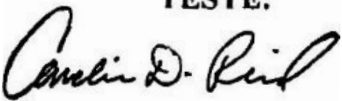
should be amended by eliminating parking space minimums to facilitate cost savings for developers of businesses and housing that may be passed on to the consumer and to reduce community dependence on automobile transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Richmond that the City amend its zoning ordinance, codified as Chapter 30 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2020), as amended, to eliminate parking space minimums;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the City Council hereby declares that the public necessity, convenience, general welfare and good zoning practices of the City require the initiation of an amendment of the zoning ordinance set forth in Chapter 30 of the City of Richmond (2020), as amended, to eliminate parking space minimums to facilitate cost savings for developers of businesses and housing that may be passed on to the consumer and to reduce community dependence on automobile transportation.

**A TRUE COPY:**  
**TESTE:**  
  
**City Clerk**



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## Office of the Council Chief of Staff

### Ordinance/Resolution Request

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**DATE** March 12, 2021

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**TITLE** Consider Amending the Zoning Code to Eliminate Parking Minimums.

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

**REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON**

Addison

**SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE**

LUHT Committee

#### ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

Patron request that legislation be drafted to declare a public necessity to initiate changes to the zoning to code to eliminate current requirements for parking space minimums.

#### BACKGROUND

Reconsideration of current parking requirements is needed in light of the City's development goals. Some cities have found the need to amend their zoning codes to eliminate parking minimums after finding that requirements for parking can hinder business and housing redevelopment by adding extra costs to businesses which are passed onto customers, renters, and builders needed to revitalize urban cores. Added costs to redevelopment contribute to shrinking tax bases and housing affordability. Parking minimums are often considered auto-centric. Auto-centric land use policies may

contradict efforts to improve public transport, density, walkability, and safe cycling that the City cited as goals in its Master Plan. Auto-centric parking policies may also cause harm to the both the quality of our air and water thereby making the environment less safe due to exhaust and road run-off.

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

Fiscal Impact Yes  No

Budget Amendment Required Yes  No

Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact \$ N/A

Note:

Attachment/s Yes  No