

INTRODUCED: April 12, 2021

AN ORDINANCE No. 2021-095

As Amended

To amend and reordain ch. 2, art. I of the City Code by adding therein a new section 2-6, concerning the prohibition of the sale or [~~distribution~~] display of symbols of hate by the City, for the purpose of ensuring that the City does not promote the distribution or display of symbols of hate or oppression.

Patron – Mayor Stoney

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: MAY 10 2021 AT 6 P.M.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That Chapter 2, Article I of the Code of the City of Richmond (2020) be and is hereby **amended** and reordained by adding therein a new section numbered 2-6 as follows:

Sec. 2-6. Prohibition concerning symbols of hate.

The City shall not sell or display any symbols of hate or any similar image, or tangible personal property, inscribed with such an image unless the image appears in a book, digital medium, or museum or otherwise serves an educational or historical purpose. For the purposes of

AYES: 8 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: MAY 24 2021 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____

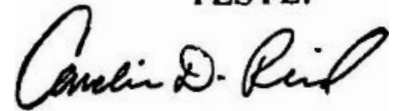
this section, the term “symbols of hate” includes, but is not limited to, symbols of white supremacy, neo-Nazi ideology, or the Battle Flag of the Confederacy.

§ 2. That section 2-6 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2020), as amended, shall not apply to the disposition of monuments removed pursuant to Ordinance No. 2020-154, adopted August 3, 2020.

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

A TRUE COPY:

TESTE:

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City Clerk




CITY OF RICHMOND

INTRACITY CORRESPONDENCE

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REQUEST

DATE: March 17, 2021 **EDITION:** 1
TO: The Honorable Members of City Council
FROM: The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor 
RE: Prohibiting the City from Selling or Displaying Symbols of Hate

ORD. OR RES. No. _____

PURPOSE: To amend the City Code by adding therein a new section reading as follows:
Sec. xx-xx. Prohibition concerning symbols of hate.
The City shall not sell or display any symbols of hate or any similar image, or tangible personal property, inscribed with such an image unless the image appears in a book, digital medium, or museum or otherwise serves an educational or historical purpose. For the purposes of this section, the term "symbols of hate" includes, but is not limited to, symbols of white supremacy, neo-Nazi ideology, or the Battle Flag of the Confederacy.

REASON: To ensure that the City of Richmond does not promote the distribution or display of symbols of hate or oppression.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval is recommended by the City Administration.

BACKGROUND: Richmond has a dark history. As the second largest center for the domestic slave trade in the United States and the former Capital of the Confederacy, Richmond was a center of oppression. In 1890, the Robert E. Lee monument was unveiled in the City of Richmond. Following the unveiling of the Lee Monument, the city also assembled a collection of Lost Cause equestrian statuary along Monument Avenue, the likes of which existed nowhere else in the United States. These monuments were symbols of oppression and inequality. In 2020, the city removed the city-owned monuments of the Lost Cause. As we continue to erase the city's former title as the "Capital of the Confederacy," we have to ensure that we learn from our past mistakes.

Therefore, the purpose of this ordinance is to ensure that the City of Richmond prohibits the selling or displaying of symbols of hate on City property. Such symbols include, but are not limited to, those of white supremacy, neo-Nazi ideology, or the Battle Flag of the Confederacy. This effort aligns with the City's mission to embrace diversity, equity, and inclusion.

FISCAL IMPACT / COST: N/A

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: N/A

BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY: N/A

REVENUE TO CITY: N/A

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon adoption.

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: April 12, 2021

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: April 26, 2021

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent agenda.

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Government Operations

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES: None.

AFFECTED AGENCIES: Applies to all City of Richmond Departments, facilities, and property.

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.: None.

REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S): None.

ATTACHMENTS: None.

STAFF: Maggie Anderson, Acting Chief of Staff, Office of Mayor Levar Stoney