



City of Richmond

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Legislation Text

File #: ORD. 2021-183, **Version:** 1

To authorize the special use of the property known as 412 West Franklin Street for the purpose of a multifamily dwelling and a dwelling unit within an accessory building, upon certain terms and conditions. (2nd District)

WHEREAS, the owner of the property known as 412 West Franklin Street, which is situated in a RO-3 Residential-Office District, desires to use such property for the purpose of a multifamily dwelling and a dwelling unit within an accessory building, which use, among other things, is not currently allowed by section 30-428.6(2)(a), concerning requirements for side and rear yards, of the Code of the City of Richmond (2020), as amended; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 17.11 of the Charter of the City of Richmond (2020), as amended, it has been made to appear that, if granted subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this ordinance, the special use granted by this ordinance will not be detrimental to the safety, health, morals and general welfare of the community involved, will not tend to create congestion in streets, roads, alleys and other public ways and places in the area involved, will not create hazards from fire, panic or other dangers, will not tend to overcrowding of land and cause an undue concentration of population, will not adversely affect or interfere with public or private schools, parks, playgrounds, water supplies, sewage disposal, transportation or other public requirements, conveniences and improvements, and will not interfere with adequate light and air; and

WHEREAS, (i) the City Planning Commission has conducted a public hearing to investigate the circumstances and conditions upon which the Council is empowered to authorize such use, (ii) the City Planning Commission has reported to the Council the results of such public hearing and investigation and its recommendations with respect thereto, and (iii) the Council has conducted a public hearing on this ordinance at which the person in interest and all other persons have had an opportunity to be heard;

NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. **Finding.** Pursuant to section 30-1050.1 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2020), as amended, the Council hereby finds that the special use set forth in and subject to the terms and conditions of this ordinance will not (i)

be detrimental to the safety, health, morals and general welfare of the community involved, (ii) tend to create congestion in streets, roads, alleys and other public ways and places in the area involved, (iii) create hazards from fire, panic or other dangers, (iv) tend to overcrowding of land and cause an undue concentration of population, (v) adversely affect or interfere with public or private schools, parks, playgrounds, water supplies, sewage disposal, transportation or other public requirements, conveniences and improvements, or (vi) interfere with adequate light and air.

§ 2. Grant of Special Use Permit.

(a) Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this ordinance, the property known as 412 West Franklin Street and identified as Tax Parcel No. W000-0214/023 in the 2021 records of the City Assessor, being more particularly shown on a survey entitled “Survey Plat Showing Existing Improvements To #412 West Franklin Street, City of Richmond Virginia,” prepared by Shadrach & Associates LLC, and dated January 17, 2019, provided as an inset on sheet AS-1 of the plans entitled “412 W. Franklin Renovation, 412 West Franklin Street, Richmond, Virginia 23220,” prepared by Ratio, PC, dated September 17, 2019, and last revised March 9, 2021, a copy of which is attached to and made a part of this ordinance, hereinafter referred to as “the Property,” is hereby permitted to be used for the purpose of a multifamily dwelling and a dwelling unit within an accessory building, hereinafter referred to as “the Special Use,” substantially as shown on the plans entitled “412 W. Franklin Renovation, 412 West Franklin Street, Richmond, Virginia 23220,” prepared by Ratio, PC, dated September 17, 2019, and last revised March 9, 2021, hereinafter referred to as “the Plans,” copies of which are attached to and made a part of this ordinance.

(b) The adoption of this ordinance shall constitute the issuance of a special use permit for the Property. The special use permit shall inure to the benefit of the owner or owners of the fee simple title to the Property as of the date on which this ordinance is adopted and their successors in fee simple title, all of which are hereinafter referred to as “the Owner.” The conditions contained in this ordinance shall be binding on the Owner.

§ 3. Special Terms and Conditions. This special use permit is conditioned on the following special terms and conditions:

(a) The Special Use of the Property shall be as a multifamily dwelling and a dwelling unit within an accessory building, substantially as shown on the Plans. The multifamily dwelling shall contain no more than three dwelling units and the accessory building shall contain no more than one dwelling unit.

(b) The height of the Special Use shall not exceed the height as shown on the Plans.

(c) All building materials, elevations, and site improvements shall be substantially as shown on the Plans.

(d) No fewer than two off-street parking spaces shall be provided on the Property, substantially as shown on the Plans. Two additional off-street parking spaces may be provided for the Property within a radius of 750 feet.

(e) All mechanical equipment serving the Property shall be located or screened so as not to be visible from any public right-of-way.

§ 4. **Supplemental Terms and Conditions.** This special use permit is conditioned on the following supplemental terms and conditions:

(a) All required final grading and drainage plans, together with all easements made necessary by such plans, must be approved by the Director of Public Utilities prior to the issuance of the building permit.

(b) Storm or surface water shall not be allowed to accumulate on the land. The Owner, at its sole cost and expense, shall provide and maintain at all times adequate facilities for the drainage of storm or surface water from the Property so as not to adversely affect or damage any other property or public streets and the use thereof.

(c) Facilities for the collection of refuse shall be provided in accordance with the requirements of the Director of Public Works. Such facilities shall be located or screened so as not to be visible from adjacent properties and public streets.

(d) Any encroachments existing, proposed on the Plans or contemplated in the future shall require separate authorization and shall be subject to the applicable provisions of the Code of the City of Richmond (2020), as amended, and all future amendments to such laws.

(e) In all other respects, the use of the Property shall be in accordance with the applicable underlying zoning regulations.

§ 5. **General Terms and Conditions.** This special use permit is conditioned on the following general terms and conditions:

(a) No permit implementing this special use permit shall be approved until satisfactory evidence has been presented to the Zoning Administrator that any delinquent real estate taxes applicable to the Property have been paid.

(b) The Owner shall be bound by, shall observe and shall comply with all other laws, ordinances, rules and

regulations applicable to the Property, except as otherwise expressly provided in this ordinance.

(c) Words and phrases used in this ordinance shall be interpreted to have the meanings ascribed to them by section 30-1220 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2020), as amended, unless the context clearly indicates that a different meaning is intended.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this special use permit is being approved due, in part, to the mitigating effects of each and every condition attached hereto; consequently, if any portion of this ordinance is determined to be invalid for any reason by a final, non-appealable order of any Virginia or federal court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity shall cause the entire ordinance to be void and of no further effect from the effective date of such order.

(e) The privileges granted by this ordinance may be revoked pursuant to the provisions of sections 30-1050.7 through 30-1050.11 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2020), as amended, and all future amendments to such laws. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of this ordinance shall constitute a violation of section 30-1080 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2020), as amended, and all future amendments to such law, or any other applicable laws or regulations.

(f) When the privileges granted by this ordinance terminate and the special use permit granted hereby becomes null and void, whether as a result of the Owner relinquishing this special use permit in a writing addressed to the Director of Planning and Development Review or otherwise, use of the Property shall be governed thereafter by the zoning regulations prescribed for the district in which the Property is then situated.

§ 6. **Implementation.** The Commissioner of Buildings is authorized to issue a building permit substantially in accordance with the Plans for the Special Use subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this ordinance. An application for the building permit shall be made within 730 calendar days following the date on which this ordinance becomes effective. If either the application for the building permit is not made within the time period stated in the previous sentence or the building permit terminates under any provision of the Virginia Statewide Building Code, this ordinance and the special use permit granted hereby shall terminate and become null and void.

§ 7. **Effective Date.** This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.

O & R Request

DATE: May 17, 2021

EDITION: 1

THROUGH: The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor (Mayor, by Request)
(This is no way reflects a recommendation on behalf of the Mayor.)

THROUGH: J.E. Lincoln Saunders, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

THROUGH: Sharon L. Ebert, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Economic
Development and Planning

FROM: Kevin J. Vonck, Acting Director, Department of Planning and
Development Review

RE: To authorize the special use of the property known as 412 West Franklin Street for the purpose of a
multifamily dwelling and a dwelling unit within an accessory building, upon certain terms and
conditions.

ORD. OR RES. No.

PURPOSE: To authorize the special use of the property known as 412 West Franklin Street for the purpose of a
multifamily dwelling and a dwelling unit within an accessory building, upon certain terms and conditions.

REASON: The applicant is requesting a Special Use Permit to authorize a three-unit multifamily dwelling and an
accessory dwelling unit within an RO-3 Residential Office District. The proposed use does not meet certain feature
requirements within the RO-3 zone including minimum side-yard set-back requirements. A Special Use Permit is
therefore required.

RECOMMENDATION: In accordance with the requirements of the City Charter and the Zoning Ordinance, the City
Planning Commission will review this request and make a recommendation to City Council. This item will be scheduled
for consideration by the Commission at its July 6, 2021, meeting.

BACKGROUND: The property is located in the Monroe Ward neighborhood on West Franklin Street between North
Henry and North Monroe Streets. The property is currently a 4,387 sq. ft. (.10 acre) parcel of land.

The City's Richmond 300 Master Plan designates a future land use for the subject property as Downtown Mixed-Use
which is defined as the "Central business district of the Richmond region features high density development with office
buildings, residential buildings, and a mix of complementary uses, including regional destinations in a highly-walkable
urban environment."

Primary Uses: Retail/office/personal service, multi-family residential, cultural, institutional, government, and open space.
Secondary Uses: Not applicable

The current zoning for this property is RO-3 Residential Office. Surrounding properties to the west, south, and east are
located within the same RO-3 District. Properties to the north are located in the B-4 Central Business District.

A mix of office, commercial, public open space, mixed use, and multi-family residential land uses are present in the
vicinity.

FISCAL IMPACT / COST: The Department of Planning and Development Review does not anticipate any impact to
the City's budget for this or future fiscal years.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: Staff time for processing the request; preparation of draft ordinance; and publishing,

mailing and posting of public notices.

BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY: No

REVENUE TO CITY: \$1,800 application fee

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon adoption

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: June 14, 2021

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: July 26, 2021

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: None

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES: Planning Commission
July 6, 2021

AFFECTED AGENCIES: Office of Chief Administrative Officer
Law Department (for review of draft ordinance)

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.: None

REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S): None

ATTACHMENTS: Draft Ordinance, Application Form, Applicant's Report, Plans, Survey, Map

STAFF: Jonathan Brown, Senior Planner, Land Use Administration (Room 511) 646-5734

Key Issues:

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