



Legislation Text

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To amend City Code §§ 2-1336, concerning definitions related to webpages for development and capital improvements projects, 2-1337, concerning general requirements, and 2-1339, concerning exclusions, and to repeal § 2-1338, concerning project webpage requirements.

THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That sections 2-1336, 2-1337, and 2-1339 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2020) be and is hereby **amended** as follows:

Sec. 2-1336. Definitions.

For purposes of this division, the following words, terms and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates that a different meaning is intended:

“~~[Active project]~~ Project” means a project that is funded fully or partially and is being developed and implemented as part of the City’s capital improvement program.

“*City expenditure*” means a disbursement of City funds, a granting of an interest in or other right to use City-owned property, the provision by the City of a tax credit, rebate, or similar incentive, or the provision of any other City asset or in-kind service with monetary value.

“~~“Pending project”~~” means a project that is funded fully or partially and is ~~in the scoping, design, or planning phases.~~

“~~Project~~” means ~~any one or more of the following:~~

(1) ~~A capital improvement project included in the City’s capital improvement program for which at least \$5,000,000 has been appropriated or for which the total planned appropriation over the course of the project is \$5,000,000 or more.~~

(2) ~~A project to attract, retain or expand a business, or a group of affiliated businesses, within the boundaries of the city of Richmond for the purpose of job creation, job enhancement, or job~~

~~retention that involves a significant contribution from the City.~~

(3) A project that results in the development or redevelopment of a specific geographic area within the boundaries of the city of Richmond that involves a significant contribution from the City and is not a project described in subsections (1) or (2) of this definition.

“*Significant contribution*” means one or more City expenditures reasonably attributable to any phase of a project, whether made directly to a business or to a political subdivision, that, when considered together, total \$3,000,000 or more.]

Sec. 2-1337. General requirements.

The [department of information technology] City shall [maintain on the website of the City a webpage entitled “development and capital improvement projects.” The purpose of this webpage is to provide] publish at an internet accessible location [at which] public information concerning projects [is electronically published for public access. For each project, the webpage shall contain a hyperlink to a subsidiary page dedicated to that project. The department of information technology shall establish procedures whereby, as the department of information technology deems appropriate, either (i) the employee or employees with responsibility for managing a project or an aspect of a project submits the information required by section 2-1338 to the department of information technology on a regular basis and the department of information technology updates the subsidiary webpage for that project or (ii) the employee or employees with responsibility for managing a project or an aspect of a project update the subsidiary webpage for that project with the information required by section 2-1338 on a regular basis]. Updates to such information shall be made on a quarterly basis, unless there has been no change in status since the initial publication or most recent update. Project information and updates may include a project summary, City expenditure, ordinances or resolutions, project schedules, public meetings, milestones, or other information deemed by the Chief Administrative Officer or the designee thereof to be matters of public interest.

Sec. 2-1339. Exclusions.

No provision of Section [2-1338] 2-1337 shall be construed to require the disclosure, through the subsidiary webpage for a project or otherwise, of any information or record (i) of which applicable law prohibits the disclosure, (ii) that may be withheld from disclosure pursuant to applicable law, or (iii) of which no officer, employee or agency of the City is the custodian.

§ 2. That section 2-1338 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2020) is hereby **repealed** as follows:

~~[Sec. 2-1338. Project webpage requirements.~~

(a) ~~The subsidiary webpage for each project required by section 2-1337 shall include, to the extent applicable to that project, either the following information or a hyperlink to the location of that information for that project:~~

~~(1) A project summary.~~

~~(2) The value and source of all City expenditures and private funding for the project, itemized by each source.~~

~~(3) Information and documents authorizing, depicting or outlining details about the project, including, but not limited to, the following:~~

~~a. Pending or adopted ordinances or resolutions.~~

~~b. Written reports, studies, presentations, surveys, maps, drawings or other materials prepared for the Council, the City Planning Commission, or similar bodies; for submission to state or federal regulatory bodies; or for the use of the employee or employees with responsibility for managing a project or an aspect of a project.~~

~~c. Executed contracts with all contract documents, including contract modifications that make changes to, extend, or renew the contract.~~

~~d. Project schedule.~~

~~(4) Project status updates on a quarterly basis for all active projects and as deemed~~

~~appropriate for pending projects.~~

(5) ~~The status of any permit application needed for the project.~~

(6) ~~A list of City expenditures, in the same format as the City's payment register, with City expenditures that do not appear on the payment register due to the nature of the expenditure listed separately.~~

(7) ~~A list of any future milestones that may be set forth in a contract to which the City is a party.~~

(8) ~~Details concerning performance measures and benchmarking requirements, to the extent such measures or requirements are set forth in a contract to which the City is a party, and status updates about the progress towards meeting such measures and requirements, updated on a quarterly basis for all active projects and as deemed appropriate for pending projects.~~

(9) ~~Project contact information, such as a contact person name, address, telephone number, electronic mail address, or any other contact information deemed appropriate.~~

~~This subsection shall be liberally construed to encourage the inclusion on the subsidiary webpage of each project of all information that may be of interest to the public, whether or not such information is described in this subsection.~~

~~(b) Each subsidiary webpage for a project shall provide for a feature by which the public, City employees, and other users have the ability to provide feedback.]~~

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE