



City of Richmond

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Legislation Text

File #: ORD. 2017-229, **Version:** 1

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O & R Request

DATE: October 20, 2017

EDITION: 1

TO: The Honorable Members of City Council

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

THROUGH: Selena Cuffee-Glenn, Chief Administrative Officer

THROUGH: Peter L. Downey, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Economic Development and Planning

FROM: Mark A. Olinger, Director, Department of Planning and Development Review

RE: To amend Ord. No. 96-37-71, adopted May 13, 1996, and last amended by Ord. No. 2007-315-282, adopted December 10, 2007, which authorized the special use of the properties known as 3300 to 3332 Cutshaw Avenue, for the purpose of the installation of three additional freestanding accessory satellite dish antennas, to allow a modification to the dimension requirements pertaining to omnidirectional and whip antennas, upon certain terms and conditions.

ORD. OR RES. No.

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REASON: The current special use permit pertains to the radio and television tower located at 3300 to 3332 Cutshaw Avenue (the WTVR tower) and limits the length of omnidirectional and whip antennas attached to the tower to a length of 20 feet. A new antenna is needed on the tower that would be a component of the Next Generation Capital Region Radio System utilized by Richmond City first responders. The proposed antenna exceeds

the 20 foot length restriction of the special use permit. A text amendment is therefore needed.

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 December 4, 2017 meeting. A letter outlining the Commission's recommendation will be forwarded to City Council following that meeting.

BACKGROUND: The subject property is located at the northwest corner of Cutshaw Avenue and Tilden Street, and contains approximately 1.26 acres of land area. The existing parking area, tower, and the accessory antennas are utilized by the television station located across the alley to the north.

The subject property is located in the UB-2 Urban Business Zoning District and is designated for Transitional land use by the City's Pulse Corridor Plan. A mix of commercial, office, and 2-family and multi-family residential land uses are present in the vicinity of the property.

FISCAL IMPACT / COST: None

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: None

BUDGET AMENDMENT NECESSARY: No

REVENUE TO CITY: \$1,200 application fee

DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon adoption

REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE: November 13, 2017

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE: December 11, 2017

REQUESTED AGENDA: Consent

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE: None

CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES: City Planning Commission, December 4, 2017

AFFECTED AGENCIES: Office of Chief Administrative Officer
Law Department (for review of draft ordinance)
City Assessor (for preparation of mailing labels for public notice)

RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.: Amendment to Ord. No. 96-37-71, adopted May 13, 1996, and last amended by Ord. No. 2007-315-282, adopted December 10, 2007

REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S): None

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

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Key Issues:

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