



## Legislation Text

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**File #:** ORD. 2019-260, **Version:** 1

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To authorize the special use of the property known as 1836 Park Avenue for the purpose of office space and occasional events, upon certain terms and conditions. (As Amended)

WHEREAS, the owner of the property known as 1836 Park Avenue, which is situated in a R-6 Single-Family Attached Residential District, desires to use such property for the purpose of office space and occasional events, which uses, among other things, are not currently allowed by section 30-412.1 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015), as amended; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 17.11 of the Charter of the City of Richmond (2018), 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 (2015), 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 1836 Park Avenue and identified as Tax Parcel No. W000-0861/052 in the 2019 records of the City Assessor, being more particularly shown on a survey entitled “ALTA/NSPS Land Title Survey for 1836 Park Ave, Richmond, VA,” prepared by Nyfeler Associates, and dated March 13, 2019, 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 office space and occasional events, hereinafter referred to as “the Special Use,” substantially as shown on the survey entitled “ALTA/NSPS Land Title Survey for 1836 Park Ave, Richmond, VA,” prepared by Nyfeler Associates, and dated March 13, 2019, hereinafter referred to as “the Plans,” a copy of which is 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 use of the Property shall be office use, including business, professional, and administrative offices, substantially as shown on the Plans. The Property may also be used for limited special events unrelated to the office use on a non-commercial basis.

(b) No more than 15 employees shall occupy the building in conjunction with the office use of the Property.

(c) The hours of operation for the office use open to the public on the Property shall be limited to 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

(d) No parking spaces shall be required for the office use of the Property.

(e) No signs shall be permitted for the office use on the Property.

(f) The Property may be used as an event space unrelated to the office use for no more than 12 events per year. Six of these events may host no more than 100 attendees, and the remaining six of these events may host no more than 50 attendees. Each event shall be located within the building. Each event shall end no later than ~~[11:00 p.m., Monday through Friday]~~ 10:00 p.m., Sunday through Wednesday, and no later than 11:00 p.m., Thursday through Saturday. ~~[No event shall occur on Saturday or Sunday.]~~ For each event, the Owner shall provide valet parking service to one or more off-site parking areas. If amplified music is played during an event, the exterior doors of the building shall remain closed except for ingress and egress. No person associated with the event shall perform any functions related to the event on the Property after 11:00 p.m.~~;~~ ~~Monday through Friday.]~~ For purposes of this subsection, “event” means the occasional hosting of events unrelated to the office use for the benefit of local nonprofit, community, arts, and other cultural organizations.

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(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 (2015), as amended, and all future amendments to such laws.

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by and meeting the requirements of this subsection. The final certificate of occupancy shall not be issued for the Property until all requirements of this subsection are fully satisfied.

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§ 6. **Implementation.** The Zoning Administrator is authorized to issue a certificate of zoning compliance for the Special Use subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this ordinance. An application for the certificate of zoning compliance shall be made within 730 calendar days following the date on which this ordinance becomes effective. If the application for the certificate of zoning compliance is not made within the time period stated in the previous sentence, this ordinance and the special use permit granted hereby shall terminate and become null and void.

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### **O & R Request**

**DATE:** August 13, 2019

**EDITION:** 1

**TO:** The Honorable Members of City Council

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

**THROUGH:** Selena Cuffee-Glenn, Chief Administrative Officer

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

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

**RE:** To authorize the special use of the property known as 1836 Park Avenue for the purpose of an  
office use, upon certain terms and conditions.

**ORD. OR RES. No.**

**PURPOSE:** To authorize the special use of the property known as 1836 Park Avenue for the purpose of an  
office use, upon certain terms and conditions.

**REASON:** The applicant is requesting a Special Use Permit which would authorize the use of an existing  
building, which was previously used for institutional purposes as a church, for office use and occasional special  
events. These uses are currently not permitted with the R-6 Single-Family Attached District. 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 October 7, 2019 meeting. A letter outlining the  
Commission's recommendation will be forwarded to City Council following that meeting.

**BACKGROUND:** The subject property consists of an 8,045 SF (.19 acre) parcel of land located in the Fan  
District neighborhood of the Near West planning district. The property is improved with a building previously  
used as a church. The applicant proposes to adapt the building for use as an office and event space.

The City of Richmond's current Master Plan designates a future land use category for the subject property as  
Single-Family Residential at Medium densities. Primary uses for this category "...are single family and two  
family dwellings, both detached and attached, at densities of 8 to 20 units per acre. Includes residential support  
uses such as schools, places of worship, neighborhood parks and recreation facilities, and limited public and  
semi public uses. Typical zoning classifications that may accommodate this land use category: R 5A, R 6 and R  
7. (City of Richmond Master Plan, 133)

The current zoning for this property is R-6 (Single-Family Attached Residential). All adjacent properties are  
located within the same R-6 Residential District.

**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:** September 9, 2019

**CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE:** October 14, 2019

**REQUESTED AGENDA:** Consent

**RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE:** None

**CONSIDERATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES:** City Planning Commission, October 7, 2019

**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.:** None

**REQUIRED CHANGES TO WORK PROGRAM(S):** None

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

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

Key Issues:

Retain on Consent Agenda

Move to Regular Agenda

Refer Back to Committee

Remove from Council Agenda

Strike

Withdrawn

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