



Legislation Text

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To request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the development of a digital connectivity map, including both vertical assets and infrastructure owned by the City and of existing fiber networks, for the purpose of developing a strategy to provide universal broadband access across the city of Richmond for all residents.

WHEREAS, Council believes that all residents of the city of Richmond should have reliable and affordable high-speed internet access in their homes, schools, parks, and communities; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of Council, market failures have resulted in the exclusion of lower income communities, particularly Black and Brown families, from a rapidly changing digital society and economy; and

WHEREAS, Council affirms its support for the goals of the Commonwealth of Virginia's Commonwealth Connect plan, striving for universal broadband access across the state; and

WHEREAS, upon information and belief of Council, the production of a vertical asset map and map of the City's existing fiber network is necessary for the City to build a strategy for providing universal broadband access across the city; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes that it is in the best interests of the residents of the city of Richmond that the Council request that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the development of a digital connectivity map, including both vertical assets and infrastructure owned by the City and of existing fiber networks, for the purpose of developing a strategy to provide universal broadband access across the city of Richmond for all residents;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND:

The Council requests that the Chief Administrative Officer cause the development of a digital connectivity map, including both vertical assets and infrastructure owned by the City and of existing fiber networks, for the purpose of developing a strategy to provide universal broadband access across the city of Richmond for all residents.