



## Legislation Text

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**File #:** RES. 2023-R055, **Version:** 1

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To name the alley located in the block bounded by the Downtown Expressway, South Stafford Avenue, Parkwood Avenue, and South Addison Street as “Apple Alley.”

WHEREAS, in accordance with sections 8-7 through 8-10 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2020), as amended, 219 Stafford LLC, as the applicant, has requested that the alley located in the block bounded by the Downtown Expressway, South Stafford Avenue, Parkwood Avenue, and South Addison Street be named “Apple Alley;”

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

1. That the alley located in the block bounded by the Downtown Expressway, South Stafford Avenue, Parkwood Avenue, and South Addison Street and shown as the public right-of-way enclosed in bold lines and labeled as “Proposed ‘Apple Alley’” on a drawing prepared by

the Department of Public Works, designated as DPW Drawing No. N-29064, dated September 28, 2023, and entitled “Proposed Naming of a Public Alley in the Block Bounded by Downtown Expressway, S Stafford Avenue, Parkwood Avenue and S Addison Street as ‘Apple Alley,’” a copy of which drawing is attached to and incorporated into this resolution, be and hereby is named and designated as “Apple Alley.”

2. That, in order to effectuate the provisions of paragraph 1 of this resolution, the Chief Administrative Officer shall (i) cause the appropriate City agency to prepare and erect signs appropriately marking “Apple Alley,” (ii) request that all City agencies note such naming in the records maintained by each such agency, and (iii) take all other appropriate actions to effectuate the naming of the street as “Apple

Alley.”

3. That paragraphs 1 and 2 of this resolution shall be effective only upon the completion of the following to the satisfaction of the Chief Administrative Officer within 12 months from the date on which this resolution is adopted:

(a) 219 Stafford LLC, as applicant, shall furnish the Chief Administrative Officer with sufficient funds to cover the costs of the street naming, including, but not necessarily limited to, the preparation and erection of appropriate signs.

(b) The applicant shall furnish all abutting landowners with written notice of the naming.

(c) The applicant shall comply with all applicable requirements set forth in sections 8-7 through 8-10 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2020), as amended.

(d) Should any condition of this paragraph 3 not be met within 12 months of the date on which the Council adopts this resolution, this resolution shall be null and void and of no further legal effect.

### O&R Transmittal

**DATE:** October 6, 2023

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

**THROUGH:** The Honorable Levar M. Stoney, Mayor

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

**THROUGH:** Bobby Vincent Jr., Director, Department of Public Works

**FROM:** M.S. Khara, P.E., City Engineer, Department of Public Works

**RE:** **PROPOSED NAMING OF A PUBLIC ALLEY IN THE BLOCK BOUNDED BY DOWNTOWN EXPRESSWAY, SOUTH STAFFORD AVE, PARKWOOD AVE AND SOUTH ADDISON ST AS “APPLE ALLEY”**

**ORD. OR RES. No.**

**PURPOSE:** To name a public alley in the block bounded by the Downtown Expressway, South Stafford Ave, Parkwood Ave and South Addison St as “Apple Alley”, as shown enclosed in bold lines on a plan prepared by

the Department of Public Works designated as DPW Dwg. No. N-29064, dated September 28, 2023 and entitled “PROPOSED NAMING OF A PUBLIC ALLEY IN THE BLOCK BOUNDED BY DOWNTOWN EXPRESSWAY, SOUTH STAFFORD AVE, PARKWOOD AVE AND SOUTH ADDISON ST AS “APPLE ALLEY”.

**BACKGROUND:** The property owner (219 Stafford LLC) of 211 S Stafford Ave, 2329 Parkwood Ave, 2307-2325 Rear Parkwood Ave and 212 S Addison St has received approval by way of a Special Use Permit (Ordinance No. 2023-207) for the construction of 26 single-family dwelling units; many of the units will have frontage along an existing public alley. One of the conditions of the Ordinance requires this alley to be officially named. Naming of the alley will ensure the safety of the residents and provide an address that is both unique and descriptive. This will ensure that City services, such as trash pickup, utility distribution and emergency services, may be provided to the new units. The name choice has been approved by the Richmond Regional Planning District Commission (PlanRVA) using the “Street Name Clearinghouse Request” form.

Other reviewing administrative agencies were contacted regarding this naming and offered no objections.

The criteria and guidelines for submission, evaluation, approval and implementation of proposals for naming or renaming City facilities are described in sections 8-7 thru 8-10 of the City Code. Section 8-10(5) requires the City Council to conduct a public hearing to review recommendations, suggestions and provide an opportunity for public comments from affected parties prior to any final action on a naming resolution. The application and information as submitted satisfies the current City Code requirements and criteria to allow consideration of this request for approval.

The applicant will be responsible for all costs of required signage denoting the alley’s name. The ordinance conditions will have to be satisfied in accordance with the Law Department’s review and acceptance of follow-up information provided by the applicant.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:** Planning Commission meeting held on July 17, 2023 to discuss Ordinance No. 2023-207 (Special Use Permit), public encouraged to attend and provide comment; City Council meeting held on July 24, 2023 for the public hearing regarding Ordinance No. 2023-207; the applicant sent notification letters (certified mail) to all adjacent property owners advising of the alley naming.

**STRATEGIC INITIATIVES AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL:** Richmond 300 Master Plan (Goal 14: Housing); City Council Resolution No. 2023-R019 (Declare a housing crisis); City Council Ordinance 2023-207 (Special Use Permit). No other governmental entity needs to review.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None

**DESIRED EFFECTIVE DATE:** Upon adoption

**REQUESTED INTRODUCTION DATE:** November 13, 2023

**CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DATE:** December 11, 2023

**REQUESTED AGENDA:** Consent Agenda

**RECOMMENDED COUNCIL COMMITTEE:** Land Use, Housing and Transportation Committee (LUHT)

**AFFECTED AGENCIES:** Public Works; Law Department; Planning & Development Review; Public Utilities; Assessor; Finance; Budget and Strategic Planning; Fire Department; Police Department, Mayor's Office, and CAO's Office

**RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORD. OR RES.:** Ord. No. 2023-207 (Special Use Permit)

**ATTACHMENTS:** DPW Dwg. No. N-29064  
Applicant's request letter (Lory Markham)  
RRPDC Street Name Clearinghouse Request Authorization

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