

INTRODUCED: November 13, 2018

Expedited Consideration

A RESOLUTION No. 2018-R097

To endorse, for the City of Richmond, legislative proposals set forth within the document entitled “2019 City of Richmond Legislative Proposals for the Virginia General Assembly;” to request the Richmond delegation to the General Assembly of Virginia to take legislative action consistent with and in vigorous support of such recommendations; to support other legislative action recommendations; and to encourage other organizations and individuals to support such recommendations.

Patrons – All Members of Council

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: NOV 13 2018 AT 6 P.M.

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

That this Council hereby endorses as priorities for the City of Richmond the legislative proposals set forth in the document entitled “2019 City of Richmond Legislative Proposals for the Virginia General Assembly,” a copy of which is attached to this resolution. The Council respectfully requests that the Richmond delegation to the General Assembly of Virginia take legislative action consistent with and in vigorous support of such proposals and encourages other organizations and individuals to support these proposals.

AYES: 9 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: _____

ADOPTED: NOV 13 2018 REJECTED: _____ STRICKEN: _____



Richmond City Council

The Voice of the People

Richmond, Virginia

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Council Ordinance/Resolution Request

TO Allen L. Jackson, Richmond City Attorney

THROUGH Lou Brown Ali, Council Chief of Staff *LB*

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TITLE: CITY OF RICHMOND LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2019 VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

This is a request for the drafting of an Ordinance Resolution

REQUESTING COUNCILMEMBER/PATRON

All Members of Council

SUGGESTED STANDING COMMITTEE

Request Committee Waiver

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION SUMMARY

A Resolution is requested to endorse, the City of Richmond's legislative proposals set forth within the document entitled, "2019 City of Richmond Legislative Proposals for the Virginia General Assembly".

BACKGROUND

A Resolution is requested to endorse, the City of Richmond's legislative proposals set forth within the document entitled, "2019 City of Richmond Legislative Proposals for the Virginia General Assembly," to request the Richmond delegation to the General Assembly of Virginia to take legislative action consistent and in vigorous support of such recommendations; to support other legislative recommendations and to encourage other organizations and individuals to support such recommendations.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal Impact	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Budget Amendment Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Estimated Cost or Revenue Impact	\$	

Attachment/s Yes No

Richmond City Council Ordinance/Resolution Request Form/updated 12.22.08/srs

2019 City of Richmond Legislative Proposals for the Virginia General Assembly

A. Financing for Public Housing Replacement - The City asks that the General Assembly establish a State Commission led by the Virginia Housing Commission, which includes representatives of the Virginia Housing Development Authority, the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, local redevelopment and housing authorities, and local governments with large concentrations of public housing, to identify financing methods that could be developed or employed to assist localities in replacing concentrated public housing units.

B. Mandatory Affordable Dwelling Unit Program - The City requests that §15.2-2304 of the Code of Virginia, which allows certain localities to adopt a mandatory affordable dwelling unit program, be amended to include the City of Richmond.

C. Natural Gas Utility - The City requests the General Assembly to define service territories of municipal natural gas utilities in Virginia and to clarify that natural gas service may be provided only by the municipal natural gas company in those areas. The State Corporation Commission does not define and decide where the municipal natural gas utilities in Virginia can serve natural gas customers. This is needed to ensure that municipal government gas utilities are able to grow and retain the necessary number of customers that municipal natural gas utility services require.

D. Reporting of Stolen Firearms - The City requests that the General Assembly require firearms owners to report the theft or loss of a firearm to local law enforcement or state police within 24 hours after discovery of the loss or theft.

E. Local Government Lobbying - The City requests that §15.2-1408 of the Code of Virginia, which allows certain localities to adopt ordinances restricting local elected officials and local employees from lobbying for one year after their terms have ended, be amended to include the City of Richmond.

F. Charter Change: Voter Registration or Absentee Balloting Deadlines for Run-Off Elections - The City requests that the General Assembly amend the Richmond City Charter to specify that the deadlines for voter registration or absentee balloting deadlines for run-off elections shall conform with the statewide provisions for such deadlines as provided in Title 24.1 of the Code of Virginia.

G. Public Education Funding - The City requests the General Assembly to fulfill its constitutional obligation and adequately fund the true costs of public education in the Commonwealth of Virginia for the successful future of students of schools administered by the School Board of the City of Richmond and students throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.