

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND
John Marshall Courts Building

IN RE: PETITION BY THE COUNCIL)
OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND,)
VIRGINIA, FOR AN ORDER CALLING)
A REFERENDUM CONCERNING)
WHETHER CASINO GAMING SHALL)
BE PERMITTED IN THE CITY OF)
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA)

Case No.:

CL21-3543-1

ORDER

There has been filed with this Court a Petition on behalf of the Council of the City of Richmond in which the Council has requested this Court to issue an order that a referendum be called and a special election be conducted on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, pursuant to sections 24.2-682, 24.2-684, and 58.1-4123 of the Code of Virginia (1950) on the question of whether casino gaming shall be permitted at a casino gaming establishment in the City of Richmond, Virginia, at 2001 Walmsley Boulevard and 4700 Trenton Avenue, Richmond, Virginia 23234 as may be approved by the Virginia Lottery Board.

This Court having considered the Petition, IT IS HEREBY FOUND AND DETERMINED that:

1. Such Petition was filed properly (i) pursuant to Title 24.2, Chapter 6, Article 5 and Title 58.1, Chapter 41 of the Code of Virginia (1950) and (ii) in accordance with Resolution No. 2021-R034, duly adopted on adopted June 14, 2021, by the City Council of the City of Richmond, Virginia;

2. The referendum ordered hereby is specifically authorized by statute within the meaning of section 24.2-684 of the Code of Virginia (1950); and

3. The referendum question as stated in this Order (i) adequately identifies the location of the proposed casino gaming establishment and (ii) is in plain English within the meaning of sections 24.2-684 and 24.2-687 of the Code of Virginia (1950).

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ADJUDGED, ORDERED, AND DECREED as follows:

1. Pursuant to sections 24.2-682, 24.2-684, and 58.1-4123(B), at the general election to be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, a date that is at least 81 days following the entry of this Order, the election officials of the City of Richmond, Virginia, shall open the polls and take the sense of the qualified voters of the City of Richmond, Virginia, on the following question to be printed on the ballot prepared by the Electoral Board of the City of Richmond, Virginia:

Shall casino gaming be permitted at a casino gaming establishment in the City of Richmond, Virginia, at 2001 Walmsley Boulevard and 4700 Trenton Avenue, Richmond, Virginia 23234 as may be approved by the Virginia Lottery Board?

Yes

No

2. Pursuant to section 24.2-684 of the Code of Virginia (1950), the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond, Virginia, is directed to send a copy of this Order immediately to the State Board of Elections. The Clerk is further directed to send a copy of this Order immediately to the General Registrar of the City of Richmond, Virginia.

3. Pursuant to section 58.1-4123(C) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as the Clerk shall publish notice of such election in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Richmond, Virginia, once a week for three consecutive weeks prior to such election.

4. The referendum election shall be held and the results shall be certified as provided in sections 24.2-684 and 58.1-4123(E) of the Code of Virginia (1950).

5. Pursuant to section 58.1-4123(E) of the Code of Virginia (1950), the ballots shall be counted, the returns made and canvassed as in other elections, and the results certified by the Electoral Board to this Court. Thereupon, this Court shall enter an order proclaiming the results of such election and a duly certified copy of such order shall be transmitted to the Virginia Lottery Department and to the City Council of the City of Richmond, Virginia.

ENTERED THIS 4 DAY OF August, 2021.

Margaret Spence

Judge

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