Richmond 300: Code Refresh
High-Quality Places Working Group

Date: June 12, 2025 at 5 P.M.
Location: Main Library Auditorium
               101 East Franklin Street

DEPARTMENT OF
PLANNING AND
DEVELOPMENT
REVIEW

Code Refresh Working Group Purpose (Module 1): The working groups are tasked with reviewing the content that has been shared with the Zoning Advisory Council (ZAC) from Module 1 through the lens of one of five topic areas from Richmond 300. This content includes the two documents that have been provided, the Draft Districts with the Rules of Interpretation and the Draft Use Provisions, and the zoning assumptions that are being used to create the draft maps.

5:00 PM   Welcome & Orientation

5:10 PM   Ice Breaker Activity

5:20 PM   Recap and Report Back from Previous Meeting and Other Working Groups

5:40 PM   Small Group Discussion

Facilitated discussion of the following topics:

1. **Residential Cottage District:** The R-C Residential Cottage zoning district is proposed to replace the existing R-MH Mobile Home District but could be used for other forms of small home development. What are your thoughts on the district standards and the potential for this district?
2. **Alley Development:** How should the zoning ordinance address development on alleys? What zoning requirements should be incorporated to address any concerns related to alley development?
3. **Setbacks:** The draft zoning code allows buildings to be built closer to the street, and in some cases right up to the property line. What are your thoughts on the proposed building setbacks? Do the proposed setback requirements adequately accommodate space for streetscape elements (such as street trees, sidewalks, bike racks, and utility wires) when the right-of-way is limited, especially in mixed-use districts?
4. **Building Articulation:** Form-based zoning codes regulate the bulk and design of buildings and can break up building masses into more human-scale forms. The draft ordinance addresses horizontal articulation (differences in façade as you look across) through building width, limitations on blank wall width, and window requirements. Are there other requirements that should be included to address horizontal articulation and additionally vertical articulation (difference in base, middle and top as you look up)?

7:00 PM   Small Group Report Back

7:30 PM   Adjournment