



Draft three launch!

RICHMOND 300:
Code Refresh



Richmond is growing. Updating our zoning code will help us steer that growth towards a city that reflects our values and our shared vision of how we want Richmond to look and feel in the future.

More homes for more people

- Expanding housing variety, giving people a housing choice to meet their current needs
- Encouraging more growth in nodes and along major transit corridors throughout the city
- Improving existing ADU regulations by increasing the size of ADUs up to 1200 feet
- More broadly distributing zoning districts across the City, spreading new development equitably

Complete neighborhoods & a diverse economy

- Allowing for neighborhood-appropriate, small-scale office and retail uses to better connect residents to goods and services
- Bringing existing structures into zoning compliance, legalizing the unique neighborhood character that already exists
- Expanding options for home-based businesses, helping grow our small business community

Beautiful communities

- Establishing contextual heights, setbacks, and step-backs so new development better complements the existing built environment
- Maintaining existing City Old and Historic Districts to preserve Richmond's most architecturally significant neighborhoods
- Creating a framework for design and demolition overlay districts, allowing neighborhoods to set development standards

A sustainable city

- Setting minimum tree canopy standards, protecting existing trees and requiring planting more trees
- Establishing vegetation space requirements, meaning no new parcel in the City can be developed without a percentage of green space.
- Allowing for small-scale solar and wind energy production, letting residents and builders contribute to a more resilient energy grid

Code Refresh is the roadmap for a future Richmond that reflects our values and our shared vision: More homes for more people, connected neighborhoods, beautiful communities, and a sustainably city built for generations to come.

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