



MARTINSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Martinsville's Vision

Martinsville is a thriving, full-service city centrally located in southern Virginia, offering excellent education and superior quality of life in a picturesque setting while embracing inclusivity and opportunities to ensure a sustainable and fulfilling lifestyle to live, visit, and grow.

Martinsville's Mission

Martinsville City proudly promotes a safe, healthy, thriving community dedicated to delivering excellent services and meaningful public participation.

Call Open Session to Order - 5:30pm, Council Chambers; Municipal Building

- a. Discuss and Consider Motion to go into Closed Session

Closed Session 5:30pm, Rm 226; Municipal Building

- a. **2.2-3711 (A7)** Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body. With Regard to Facility Show Cause Order.
- b. **2.2-3711 (A1)** Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body; and evaluation of performance of departments or schools of public institutions of higher education where such evaluation will necessarily involve discussion of the performance of specific individuals. With Regard to Applications for City Manager position.

Work Session - 6:30pm, Council Chambers; Municipal Building



1. Briefings and Presentations

- a. Workshop with American Legion's Curtis Millner

2. Discuss Consent Agenda Items

Regular Session - 7pm, Council Chambers

3. Call to Order

4. Pledge to the American Flag

5. Invocation

6. Take Any Action Necessary as a Result of the Executive Session

7. Presentations and Proclamations

- a. Proclamation Honoring Nancy McMillan
- b. Proclamation Honoring Black History Month -- Presented to Fayette Area Historical Initiative (FAHI)
- c. Community Engagement Departmental Update

8. Consent Agenda

- a. Discuss and Consider February 10, 2026 Meeting Minutes

9. Regular Agenda or New Business

- a. Hold a Public Hearing for and Subsequently Discuss and Consider Ordinance 2026-4 Codifying Previously Approved Amendments to the City's Zoning Ordinance
- b. Hold Public Hearing and Subsequently Discuss and Consider Appropriations Ordinance 2026-3 on First Reading
- c. Discuss and Consider Approval of Ordinance No. 2026-2 on First Reading for Right of Way Abandonment

10. City Hall Reporting & Announcements

- a. News & Events
- b. Finance Report

11. Communications from Visitors / Business from the Floor

Description: The purpose of City Council Meetings is to conduct the City's Business. City Council allows for public comment, limited to matters on which the Council has the power and authority to act and are not listed on the printed agenda. Participation: Citizens who wish to participate in a meeting's



public comment period may do so by signing up at the podium at the entrance prior to the beginning of the meeting, emailing their comments to Peyton Nibblett, Deputy City Clerk, at pnibblett@martinsvilleva.gov, calling in their comments to 276-403-5196, or mailing comments to the City of Martinsville, attn.: Peyton Nibblett, Martinsville, VA 24114 (a.) Comments, or a request to speak, must be received by noon the day before a Council meeting for consideration by the Council at the meeting. (b.) Any person submitting comments or requesting to speak must identify themselves by name and address, including zip code. (c.) Remarks are to be limited to 3 minutes or less (as read aloud), address a topic of City business, and refrain from making any personal references or accusations of a factually false and/or malicious nature. (d.) Priority for comments is given to City residents, taxpayers, and business owners. (e.) Speakers may not yield time. (f.) Groups of speakers on the same topic must designate a single representative. Comments violating these rules may not be presented at the Council meeting. (g.) Any speaker violating these rules may be removed from the podium or from the Council Chamber. (h.) This policy does not apply to public hearings, at which any citizen of Martinsville may appear and speak on the subject of the public hearing.

12. Comments by Members of City Council

13. Comments by City Manager

14. Adjournment



STAFF REPORT

TO: City Council

FROM: Kris Bridges, Building Official , Hannah Powell, Community Development Specialist

SUBJECT: Hold a Public Hearing for and Subsequently Discuss and Consider Ordinance 2026-4 Codifying Previously Approved Amendments to the City's Zoning Ordinance

STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: Community Development

MEETING DATE: February 24, 2026

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

On April 23, 2024, City Council held a public hearing and first reading on proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance to remove references to maximum building heights. City Council approved those changes on second reading on May 14, 2024.

After adoption, it was identified that the changes were not formally codified through a standalone ordinance, which is required for amendments to be incorporated into the City Code. As a result, the zoning changes were not officially enacted.

This agenda item brings forward a corrective ordinance to formally adopt and codify the previously approved zoning amendments. No new zoning changes are proposed. The ordinance is intended solely to ensure the City's Zoning Ordinance accurately reflects the action already taken by City Council.

First Reading: 02/24/2026

POLICY EXPLANATION:

VA Code § 15.2-1813

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

None

Available Budget: Not Applicable

Purchase Amount: Not Applicable

ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES

City Council Open Public Hearing

City Council Approve of Ordinance 2026-4 Codifying Previously Approved Amendments to
City's Zoning Ordinance

ATTACHMENTS:

1.	Notice of Public Hearing Height Restrictions February 24, 2026
2.	ORDINANCE NO. 2026 -4
3.	Building Height Slide 2
4.	Building Height

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF MARTINSVILLE

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Virginia Code Section 15.2-2204 that the City Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 7:00 P.M in the City Council Chambers in the Municipal Building, 55 W. Church Street, Martinsville, Virginia to consider the following proposed amendments to the City's Zoning Ordinance to remove height restrictions from the zoning ordinance. As a result of the proposed amendments, height requirements of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code would continue to apply.

The proposed amendments would apply to the following sections of the Zoning Ordinance.

- Section I. Administration and Enforcement;
- Section III. General Provisions;
- Section IV. Site Plan Regulations;
- Section V. Nonconformity;
- Section IX. R-E Estate Residential District;
- Section X. R-N Neighborhood Residential District;
- Section XI. R-C City Residential District;
- Section XII. R-T Residential Transitional District;
- Section XII. C-N Neighborhood Commercial District;
- Section XIV. C-UB Uptown Business District;
- Section XV. C-C Corridor Commercial District;
- Section XVI. ED-MA Economic Development District - Medical and Academic;
- Section XVII. ED-G Economic Development District – General;
- Section XVIII. ED-I Economic Development District – Intensive;
- Section XIX. TND - 0 Traditional Neighborhood Development Overlay District;
- Section XX. EC-0 Entrance Corridor Overlay District;
- Section XXIII. Off Street Parking and Loading.

Full documents of the proposed Zoning Text Amendment are available for inspection at the City Offices, 55 W. Church Street, Martinsville, Virginia during regular business hours.

Any person desiring to express his or her views with respect to the proposed text amendment is welcomed appear at the aforesaid time and place.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-4

AMENDING THE CITY OF MARTINSVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE TO REMOVE ZONING-BASED HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted by the Code of Virginia, including but not limited to § 15.2-2280 et seq., the City Council of the City of Martinsville is authorized to adopt and amend zoning ordinances to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Code § 15.2-2204 requires that a public hearing be held prior to the adoption of any zoning ordinance amendment; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that removing zoning-based height limitations will provide greater flexibility for development, redevelopment, and economic growth while continuing to ensure public safety through application of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code; and

WHEREAS, notice of a public hearing was duly advertised, and a public hearing was held by the City Council on February 24, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 55 West Church Street, Martinsville, Virginia, at which time all interested persons were afforded an opportunity to be heard;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA:

The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Martinsville is hereby amended to remove all maximum building height limitations contained within the following sections:

- Section 1: Administration and Enforcement, Item B, Line 2 be amended as follows: In interpreting and applying the provisions of this ordinance, they shall be held to be the minimum requirements for the promotion of the public safety, health, convenience, prosperity and general welfare. It is not intended by this ordinance to annul or interfere with any easements, covenants, or other agreements between parties; provided, however, where this ordinance imposes a greater restriction upon the use of building or premises ~~or upon the height of building~~ or requires larger open spaces than those imposed or required by other ordinances, rules, regulations, or by easements, covenants or agreements, the provisions of this ordinance shall govern.
- Section 1: Administration and Enforcement, Item D, Line 2 be amended as follows: The boundaries of such districts as shown upon the official zoning map are hereby adopted. The provisions of this ordinance governing within each type of district the use of land and buildings, ~~the height of buildings~~, building site areas, the size of yards around buildings, and other matters as are set forth in this ordinance are hereby established and declared to be in effect upon all land included within the boundaries of each and every district of said types shown upon the official zoning map.
- Section 1: Administration and Enforcement, Item F, Line 6 be amended as follows: No building or other structure shall hereafter be erected or altered, unless otherwise waived or amended by

provisions of this ordinance: ~~a. To have a greater height;~~ b. To accommodate or house a greater number of families; c. To occupy a greater percentage of lot area; d. To have narrower or smaller rear yards, front yards, or other open spaces than herein required; e. To be in any other manner contrary to the provisions of this ordinance.

- Section 3. General Provisions, Item D. Line 6 be amended as follows: ~~No accessory structure other than garages and accessory residential dwelling units shall exceed twenty-four (24) feet in height. Garages and accessory residential units may exceed twenty-four (24) feet in height with a special use permit provided that the height of the garage or accessory residential unit shall not exceed seventy-five (75) percent of the height of the primary residential structure.~~
- Section 4. Site Plan Regulations, Item F, Line 13 be amended as follows: ~~Steeple, towers, and cupolas. The total building height computation for institutional buildings shall include the height of cupolas, towers, and steeples.~~
- Section 5. Nonconformity, Item F be amended as follows: When a permitted structure exists prior to the effective date of this ordinance, or amendment thereto, which structure could not be built under the terms of this ordinance, or amendment, by reason of restrictions on area, lot coverage, ~~height~~, yards, or other characteristics of the structure may be continued, if otherwise lawful, subject to the following provisions of this ordinance:
- Section 9, R-E, Estate Residential District, Item B, Lot and Building Standards, Table 9.1 be amended as follows: ~~Building Height (Maximum) 45* 45* 45* SPR* 60*~~
- Section 9, R-E, Estate Residential District, Item E, Line 7 be amended as follows: ~~The maximum allowable building height for institutional buildings in the R-E District shall include the height of cupolas, towers, and steeples.~~
- Section 10, R-N, Neighborhood Residential District, Item B, Lot and Building Standards, Table 10.1 be amended as follows: ~~Building Height (Maximum) 45* 45* 45* 60* 60*~~
- Section 10, R-N, Neighborhood Residential District, Item E, be amended as follows; ~~The maximum allowable building height for institutional buildings in the R-N District shall include the height of cupolas, towers, and steeples.~~
- Section 11, R-C, City Residential District, Item B, Lot and Building Standards, Table 11.1 be amended as follows: ~~Building Height (Maximum) 45* 45* 45* 60*~~
- Section 11, R-C, City Residential District, Item E, Line 7, be amended as follows: ~~The maximum allowable building height for institutional buildings in the R-C District shall include the height of cupolas, towers, and steeples.~~
- Section 12, R-T Residential Transitional District, Item B, Lot and Building Standards, Table 12.1 be amended as follows: ~~Building Height (Maximum) 45~~
- Section 13, C-N, Neighborhood Commercial District, Item B, Lot and Building Standards, Table 13.1 be amended as follows: ~~Building Height (Maximum) 45~~
- Section 14, C-UB, Uptown Business District, Item B, Lot and Building Standards, Table 14.1 be amended as follows: ~~Building Height (Maximum) 90~~
- Section 15, C-C, Corridor Commercial District, Item B, Lot and Building Standards, Table 15.1 be amended as follows: ~~Building Height (Maximum) 45~~
- Section 16, ED-MA, Economic Development District, Item B, Lot and Building Standards, Table 16.1 be amended as follows: ~~Building Height (Maximum) Residential and Lodging 75*: All Other Uses 90*~~

- Section 16, ED-MA, Economic Development District, Item E, line 5, be amended as follows: ~~All applicable setbacks and yard requirements shall be increased by one foot for each foot of building height over thirty-five (35) feet.~~
- Section 17, ED-G, Economic Development General, Item B, Lot and Building Standards, Table 17.1, be amended as follows: ~~Building Height (Maximum) 75~~
- Section 18, ED-I, Economic Development District Intensive, Item B, Lot and Building Standards, Table 18.1 be amended as follows: ~~Building Height (Maximum) 75~~
- Section 19, TND-O, Traditional neighborhood Development Overlay District, Item E, Lot Development Standards and Mix of Uses, Line 2, be amended as follows: Lot development standards shall establish yard and setback requirements, ~~building heights~~, lot types and lot area, building frontage ratios (building width/lot width), lot coverage ratios, development density for individual land uses, and mix of land uses by land use category.
- Section 20, EC-O, Entrance Corridor Overlay District, Item C, Corridor Master Plans, Line 3 be amended as follows: Setbacks, ~~height restrictions~~, and other geometric standards.
- Section 23, Off-Street Parking and Loading, Item L. Handicap Space Requirements be amended as follows: ~~L. Handicap space requirements. 1. Handicap parking spaces for the physically disabled or elderly shall be required at the rate of three (3) percent of the first two hundred (200) parking spaces required for any use. 2. For uses which provide parking for more than two hundred (200) spaces, six (6) handicap spaces shall be provided for the first two hundred (200) parking spaces, plus one percent of the required spaces in excess of two hundred (200) parking spaces. 3. All off-street parking spaces and related accessibility requirements for handicapped persons shall conform with the most recent Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations and as otherwise provided in this section. Where ADA regulations are in conflict with or are more stringent than the regulations in this section, ADA regulations shall govern. A copy of these ADA regulations is available through the office of the zoning administrator. 4. The planning commission, upon recommendation by the zoning administrator may modify handicap space requirements where the applicant can demonstrate fewer spaces are required and that ADA requirements are fully satisfied. 5. Perpendicular handicap parking spaces shall be thirteen (13) feet wide and eighteen (18) feet long, including a five-foot width for the delineation of aisles for access to vehicle, provided that two (2) handicap spaces may share the same five-foot access aisle. Spaces shall be located as close as possible to the primary building entrance(s). 6. No more than four (4) handicap spaces shall be grouped together within a parking lot of shopping center or a land use where building entrance configurations dictate dispersed handicap space locations, as determined by the zoning administrator. 7. Inclined access ramps shall be provided and designed to promote safe access from both sides of a vehicle directly to a sidewalk. Ramps shall have a minimum width of five (5) feet and a maximum slope of one unit vertical in twelve (12) units horizontal (1:12), provided that if current ADA requirements for handicap space access are more restrictive, then ADA standards and criteria shall apply. These ramps should also provide suitable accessibility to vans. 8. All handicapped parking spaces shall be clearly identified by the placement of signs, with minimum height of four (4) feet and a maximum height of six (6) feet. Signs and parking spaces shall be marked with the standard handicap logo.~~

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED, that nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to exempt any structure from compliance with the height, safety, structural, fire protection, or other applicable requirements of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code or any other applicable state or federal law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Date of Adoption:

Recorded Roll Call Votes:

Aye

Nay

Abstain

Absent

ATTEST:

Mayor

ATTEST:

Deputy City Clerk

Purpose

- **Zoning Amendment Procedures** (Section VII.-Zoning Amendments)
 - To allow for future changes to the city's zoning ordinance
 - To accommodate broad changes that affect the city as a whole
 - To accommodate specific proposals on individual parcels
- **Removal of Building Height Restrictions**
 - Current building height restrictions would prohibit future develop in the city, including the proposed Holiday Inn Express on Commonwealth Blvd.
 - Building height restrictions are not required in the Zoning Ordinance as they are regulated by the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC) and fire code.
 - Elimination of regulation redundancy
- **Removal of Handicap Space Requirements**
 - Handicap Space Requirements are currently regulated by the Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC) and are not necessary in the Zoning Ordinance.
 - Elimination of regulation redundancy

Ordinance Sections Containing Amendments

- Section I. Administration and Enforcement
- Section III. General Provisions
- Section IV. Site Plan Regulations
- Section V. Nonconformity
- Section IX. R-E, Estate Residential District
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STAFF REPORT

TO: City Council

FROM: Rob Fincher, Interim City Manager , Richard Stanfield, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: Hold Public Hearing and Subsequently Discuss and Consider Appropriations Ordinance 2026-3 on First Reading

STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: City Management

MEETING DATE: February 24, 2026

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

The proposed amendments recognize new funding received from state and federal grant programs, including emergency management, public safety, school security, fire services, and library services. The ordinance also authorizes related expenditures to ensure funds are properly allocated and used for their intended purposes.

First Reading: 02/24/2026

POLICY EXPLANATION:

Virginia Code § 15.2-1813

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

The proposed ordinance recognizes additional grant revenues and authorizes corresponding expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025–2026. All local matching funds are already budgeted, and no new taxes, fees, or debt are required. **There is no net impact to the General Fund.**

Available Budget: Not Applicable

Purchase Amount: Not Applicable

ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES

City Council Open Public Hearing

City Council Approve of Ordinance on First Reading

ATTACHMENTS:

1.	Notice of Public Hearing ORDINANCE NO. 2026-3
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2.	ORDINANCE NO. 2026 -3
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 15.2-1800 and 15.2-1813, the Martinsville City Council will hold a public hearing on February 24, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers of the Martinsville City Municipal Building, 55 West Church Street, Martinsville, Virginia 24112. The purpose of the public hearing shall be to hear public comment regarding the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-3

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025–2026

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of §§ 15.2-2507 and 15.2-1427 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, the Martinsville City Council has duly advertised and conducted a public hearing on **February 24, 2026**, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Martinsville Municipal Building to consider amendments to the City's budget for Fiscal Year 2025–2026; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is necessary to amend the Fiscal Year 2025–2026 budget to properly account for additional revenues, required local matching funds, and corresponding expenditures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA, that the Fiscal Year 2025–2026 budget be, and hereby is, amended as follows:

- That the Fiscal Year 2025–2026 General Fund Capital revenue budget be, and hereby is, increased in the amount of \$60,000 to recognize funds received through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) Hazard Mitigation Grant.
 - That the Fiscal Year 2025–2026 General Fund Capital Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Tools and Equipment expenditure budget be, and hereby is, increased in the amount of \$60,000.
- That the Fiscal Year 2025–2026 General Fund Sale of Surplus revenue budget be, and hereby is, increased in the amount of \$8,390.
 - That the Fiscal Year 2025–2026 Police Department Telecommunications expenditure budget be, and hereby is, increased in the amount of \$8,390.
- That the Fiscal Year 2025–2026 Police Department revenue budget be, and hereby is, increased in the amount of \$1,100 to recognize Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds recorded as DCJS Miscellaneous revenue.
 - That the Fiscal Year 2025–2026 Police Department Investigative Supplies expenditure budget be, and hereby is, increased by \$1,100.
- That the Fiscal Year 2025–2026 Police Department revenue budget be, and hereby is, increased in the amount of \$18,726 to recognize funds awarded through the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Police Traffic Services Grant.
 - That the Fiscal Year 2025–2026 Police Department Radar Units expenditure budget be, and hereby is, increased in the amount of \$2,886.
 - That the Fiscal Year 2025–2026 Police Department Overtime expenditure budget be, and hereby is, increased in the amount of \$15,840.

- That the Fiscal Year 2025–2026 Schools’ “Other State Funds” revenue budget be, and hereby is, increased in the amount of \$44,207 to recognize state funds received through the School Security Officer Grant, with a Local Match of \$12, 680, for a total award of \$56,887.
 - That the Fiscal Year 2025–2026 School Security Services – Salaries and Wages expenditure budget be, and hereby is, increased in the amount of \$40,002.
 - That the Fiscal Year 2025–2026 School Social Security Payments expenditure budget be, and hereby is, increased in the amount of \$2,480.
 - That the Fiscal Year 2025–2026 School Security Services – Medicare (FICA) expenditure budget be, and hereby is, increased in the amount of \$580.
 - That the Fiscal Year 2025–2026 School Security Services – Hybrid VRS Professional Rate expenditure budget be, and hereby is, increased in the amount of \$1,145.
- That the Fiscal Year 2025–2026 Fire Department CIP – State Fire Programs Fund revenue budget be, and hereby is, increased in the amount of \$55,040 to recognize funds awarded through the PPE Grant Program.
 - That the Fiscal Year 2025–2026 Fire Department Safety Supplies and Equipment expenditure budget be, and hereby is, increased in the amount of \$55,040.
- That the Fiscal Year 2025–2026 Grant ST – Library of Virginia revenue budget be, and hereby is, increased in the amount of \$19,860 to recognize funds awarded through the Library of Virginia Indexing Grant.
 - That the Fiscal Year 2025–2026 Clerk of Court – General Professional Services expenditure budget be, and hereby is, increased in the amount of \$19,860 for indexing and related professional services.

That funds are hereby appropriated in accordance with the above-described budget amendments.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to receive public comment on the proposed ordinance. Those seeking further information are invited to contact the City Manager’s office. 55 West Church Street, Martinsville, Virginia 24112, Telephone: 276-403-5000

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That funds are hereby appropriated in accordance with the above-described budget amendments.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Date of Adoption: _____, 2026

Recorded Roll Call Votes:

Aye

Nay

Abstain

Absent

ATTEST:

Mayor

Deputy City Clerk



STAFF REPORT

TO: City Council

FROM: Kris Bridges, Building Official

SUBJECT: Discuss and Consider Approval of Ordinance No. 2026-2 on First Reading for Right of Way Abandonment

STAFF/ DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: Community Development

MEETING DATE: February 24, 2026

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

This ordinance authorizes the abandonment of an approximate sixteen (16) foot by 126.88' public alleyway, located adjacent to the property at 209 Cleveland Avenue (Tax Map ID 43 (02) B/A). The applicant, is requesting that the city abandon this alleyway due to its lack of use and maintenance over the years since it was dedicated. The applicant just recently purchased the property at 209 Cleveland Avenue in September 2025 and is planning on opening a professional office space and wants to utilize the alleyway for additional parking.

The abandonment of streets, alleyways, or rights-of-way are a request that require review by the Martinsville Planning Commission and review and approval of Martinsville City Council.

The proposed abandonment was reviewed by the Martinsville Planning Commission at its duly advertised public meeting on December 10, 2025, at which time the Commission recommended approval of the request. Following proper notice, the **City Council conducted a public hearing on February 10, 2026**, to consider the proposed abandonment.

The ordinance finds that the abandonment is in the public interest and specifies that the action is subject to any existing utility or municipal easements. City staff are authorized to take all actions necessary to complete and record the abandonment in accordance with state law.

First Reading: 02/24/2026

POLICY EXPLANATION:

In Virginia, a city can legally abandon a public right-of-way, street or alleyway by passing an ordinance after holding public hearings with proper notice. This process is outlined in state law, Virginia Code § 15.2-2006. Formal action is required for legal abandonment and once abandoned, the city gives up all rights to the land and ownership.

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE:

None

Available Budget: Not applicable

Purchase Amount: Not applicable

ACTION REQUESTED/ALTERNATIVES

City Council Open the Floor for Public Hearing for Right of Way Abandonment

City Council Approve Right of Way Abandonment Ordinance on First Reading

ATTACHMENTS:

1.	ORDINANCE NO. 2026 -2
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ORDINANCE NO. 2026-2
RIGHT OF WAY ABANDONMENT
– 209 CLEVELAND AVENUE

WHEREAS, owner of real property located at 209 Cleveland Avenue, identified as Tax Map ID 43 (02) B/A, has submitted an application requesting the abandonment of an approximate sixteen (16) foot alleyway adjacent to said property; and

WHEREAS, the subject alleyway is no longer necessary for public travel or municipal purposes and its abandonment will not adversely affect public access, utilities, or surrounding properties; and

WHEREAS, the proposed abandonment was reviewed by the Martinsville Planning Commission at its duly advertised public meeting on December 10, 2025 and the Planning Commission recommended approval of the request; and

WHEREAS, the Martinsville City Council conducted a public hearing on February 10, 2026, after due notice as required by law, to consider the requested abandonment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA:

- That an approximate sixteen (16) foot by 126.88' public alleyway, located adjacent to the property at 209 Cleveland Avenue (Tax Map ID 43 (02) B/A), as shown on the official tax maps of the City of Martinsville, is hereby abandoned and discontinued as a public alleyway, pursuant to § 15.2-2272 et seq. of the Code of Virginia.
- That the abandonment of said alleyway is hereby determined to be in the public interest, and the City finds that the alleyway is no longer necessary for public use.
- That this abandonment is subject to any existing easements, rights, or interests held by public utilities or the City for the installation, operation, maintenance, or repair of utilities or public services, unless otherwise released by the appropriate authority.
- That City Staff are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to effectuate this abandonment, including the preparation, execution, and recordation of any documents required by law.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

Date of Adoption:

Recorded Roll Call Votes:

Aye

Nay

Abstain

Absent

ATTEST:

Mayor

ATTEST:

Deputy City Clerk