

**CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**



Agenda Date:	May 19, 2025
Action Required:	Ordinance Adoption
Presenter:	Chris Engel, Director of Economic Development
Staff Contacts:	Chris Engel, Director of Economic Development John Hunt, Deputy City Attorney
Title:	Public Hearing and Ordinance to approve a Right-of-Way Agreement at 220 W. Market Street

Background

Lighthouse Studios is a non-profit organization that engages youth in the art of filmmaking and operates from a parcel it owns at 220 W. Market Street in the City of Charlottesville, Virginia ("City"). Adjacent to the parcel at 220 W. Market is an unimproved area (approximately 5,000 square feet) of City right-of-way ("ROW") that has been used as a parking area for many years.

Discussion

Lighthouse Studios engaged the City to see if a sale or lease of this area would be considered. After discussion with City Council and the City Manager, it was determined that a Revocable ROW Agreement ("Agreement") would be acceptable at this time. The Agreement formally permits Lighthouse Studios to use the area for the organization's parking needs for a period of five (5) years. Additional details and obligations of the parties can be found in the attached Agreement.

This item connects with the Education and Transportation elements of City Council's Strategic Plan.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

This item has no budgetary impact.

Community Engagement

Following conducting the Public Hearing as legally required by Virginia Code Section 15.2-1800(B), City Staff recommends City Council adopt the attached Ordinance approving the Agreement with Lighthouse Studios.

Budgetary Impact

"I make a Motion adopting the attached Ordinance approving the Agreement with Lighthouse Studios."

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the ordinance

Alternatives

Attachments

1. lighthouseparkingagreement (LSI signed) (1)
2. Lighthouseparkingordinance