

# Policy Briefing Summary

## City Council



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<b>Regarding:</b>	<b>Resolution Initiating Amendment to Chapter 9 (Community Facilities &amp; Services) of the City's Comprehensive Plan</b>
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<b>Date of Proposed Action:</b>	May 18, 2026

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### Issue

Neighborhood Development Services ("NDS") desires for City Council, via the attached Resolution, to initiate an amendment of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia's ("City"), Comprehensive Plan ("CP") for the purpose of updating Chapter 9 (Community Facilities & Services), to incorporate the most up-to-date information for public water, sewer, and stormwater management facilities and utilities.

Per Virginia Code § 15.2-2223, attached, each locality's CP must include the general or approximate location, character, and extent of public facilities, and the designation of a system of community service facilities. Further, per Virginia Code § 15.2-2232, attached, most public utilities and facilities must either be a "feature shown" in the CP (*i.e.*, shown on a map or specified in text), or be reviewed by the Planning Commission ("PC") to find that the "general or approximate location, character and extent" of public facilities are in substantial accord with the CP.

### Background / Rule

In November 2021, City Council formally adopted the City's CP. Since then, there have been several amendments thereto, including adopting both the Climate Action Plan and the Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

Chapter 9 (Community Facilities & Services) of the City's CP, and associated public utility maps in the Appendix, have not been updated since the 2021 CP adoption. Since then, there have been updates to City and partner agency public utility and facility planning, maps, and projects. It is best practice to periodically update public utility and facility maps and plans included in the City's CP.

### Analysis

To be considered part of the City's CP, public facility and utility maps and plans can be included as part of the main CP document (including, as referenced plans or studies within the text of the CP), or as part of the CP Appendix, as separate attachments. In the City's CP, there are several utility and facility maps in the CP Appendix, and one (1) study included by reference in the Chapter 9 text, including the following:

- City Water Utilities Map;
- City Sewer Utilities Map; and
- City's Water Prioritization Study (note: This study is updated annually).

The following public utility and facility maps and referenced plans are not currently included in the City's CP and should be incorporated:

- City Stormwater Facilities Map;

- RWSA Water Supply and Infrastructure plans and projects, including: RWSA Central Waterline, Urban Finished Water Master Plan, Community Water Supply Plan, and RWSA Capital Improvement Program; and
- Any known additional planned City water, sewer, and stormwater management utility projects (map or text).

Updated maps and information would also benefit other City projects and plans by having the most up-to-date information for public water, sewer, and stormwater facilities readily accessible. It also provides community members and other stakeholders with current information.

Virginia Code § 15.2-2229, attached, authorizes City Council to initiate CP amendments by majority vote and to refer the same to the PC for review/recommendation.

### **Financial Impact**

None.

### **Recommendation**

City NDS Staff recommends City Council, as authorized by Virginia Code § 15.2-2229, adopt the attached Resolution initiating an amendment to Chapter 9 (Community Facilities & Services) of the City's CP, and to refer the same to the City's PC for review/recommendation.

### **Recommended Motion (if Applicable)**

"I make a Motion ,as authorized by Virginia Code § 15.2-2229, to adopt the attached Resolution initiating an amendment to Chapter 9 (Community Facilities & Services) of the City's CP, and refer the same to the City's PC for review/recommendation."

### **Attachments**

1. Relevant Virginia Code Sections for Comprehensive Plans
2. Resolution City Council Utilities Comp Plan Amendment (1)jvhedits