

ORDINANCE-3845

1 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 16-43  
2 OF THE CITY CODE TO REFLECT THE  
3 IMAGINEVB 2040, CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH  
4 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN  
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6 SECTION AMENDED: § 16-43  
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8 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH,  
9 VIRGINIA:  
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11 That Section 16-43 of the Code of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, is hereby  
12 amended and reordained to read as follows:  
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14 **Sec. 16-43. Purpose and intent.**  
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- 16 (a) The purpose of this article is to provide eligibility requirements, pricing standards and  
17 program procedures concerning initial sales, subsequent transfers and rentals of  
18 workforce housing units developed pursuant to the provisions of article 21 of the city  
19 zoning ordinance as part of the city's workforce housing program. It is the intention of  
20 the city council to establish such standards and procedures as a means of achieving  
21 the city's vision for housing and neighborhoods, as stated in Chapter 81 of the  
22 Comprehensive Plan. ~~—"Housing and Neighborhood Plan."~~  
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- 24 (b) The creation of developments containing workforce housing as an integrated  
25 component thereof will advance the city's goal of providing diverse, high-quality and  
26 affordable housing in desirable neighborhoods. Allowing a greater mix of incomes  
27 within neighborhoods increases the affordability of housing and reduces the isolation  
28 of income groups. Further, mixed-income developments are beneficial in the long run  
29 because they broaden housing opportunities, increase residents' access to nearby  
30 employment and provide a better land use arrangement to accommodate alternative,  
31 cost-effective transportation systems.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, on this 21<sup>st</sup> day  
of April, 2026.