

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,)
)
Plaintiff,)
)
v.)
)
THE HON. CYNTHIA I. NEWBILLE,)
Council President,)
)
THE HON. KATHERINE JORDAN,)
Council Vice President,)
)
THE HON. ANDREW S. BRETON,)
)
THE HON. KENYA J. GIBSON,)
)
THE HON. SARAH ABUBAKER,)
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THE HON. STEPHANIE A. LYNCH,)
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THE HON. ELLEN F. ROBERTSON,)
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THE HON. REVA M. TRAMMELL,)
)
and)
)
THE HON. NICOLE JONES,)
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in their capacities as MEMBERS OF THE)
RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL,)
)
Defendants.)

Case No. 026002581Jsm

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

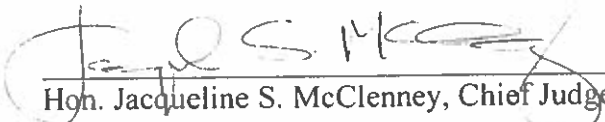
Under Virginia Code § 15.2-1638, the governing body of the City of Richmond “shall provide courthouses with suitable space and facilities to accommodate the various courts and officials thereof serving the” City. Pursuant to Virginia Code § 15.2-1643(A), it appears to the Circuit Court for the City of Richmond, from the reports of persons appointed to examine the

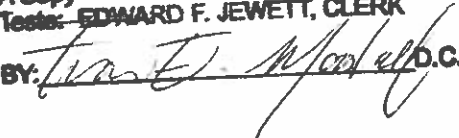
following court facilities, and otherwise, that the John Marshall Courts Building located at 400 North 9th Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, and containing the Circuit and General District Courts for the City of Richmond (the "Court Facilities") is insecure, out of repair, and otherwise poses a danger to the health, welfare, and safety of court employees and the public.

WHEREFORE, this Order is entered in the name and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Virginia against the Richmond City Council ORDERING them to show cause why a mandamus should not issue, commanding them to cause the Court Facilities to be made secure, put in good repair, and rendered otherwise safe, and to cause the necessary work to be done.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond and the Richmond City Sheriff are requested to cause a copy of this Order to Show Cause to be served upon each member of the Richmond City Council as provided in Virginia Code § 15.2-1643(A).

ENTERED: This 6th day of May, 2026.


Hon. Jacqueline S. McClenney, Chief Judge

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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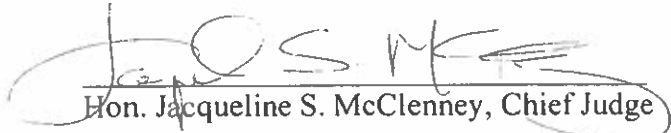
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