

CITY OF ALEXANDRIA Planning & Zoning Transportation & Environmental Services

### City Charter Section 9.06 Case #2024-0004 – Street Closure

200 block of King Street

Planning Commission | November 2024





# Background

Located within the **Old Town Small Area Plan** and **King Street Retail Strategy**, and near the **Waterfront Small Area Plan** 

Section 9.06 of the City's Charter requires that the **Planning Commission approve any changes to the use of a public street.** 

Planning Commission is charged with ensuring that any change is **consistent with the City's Master Plan.** 





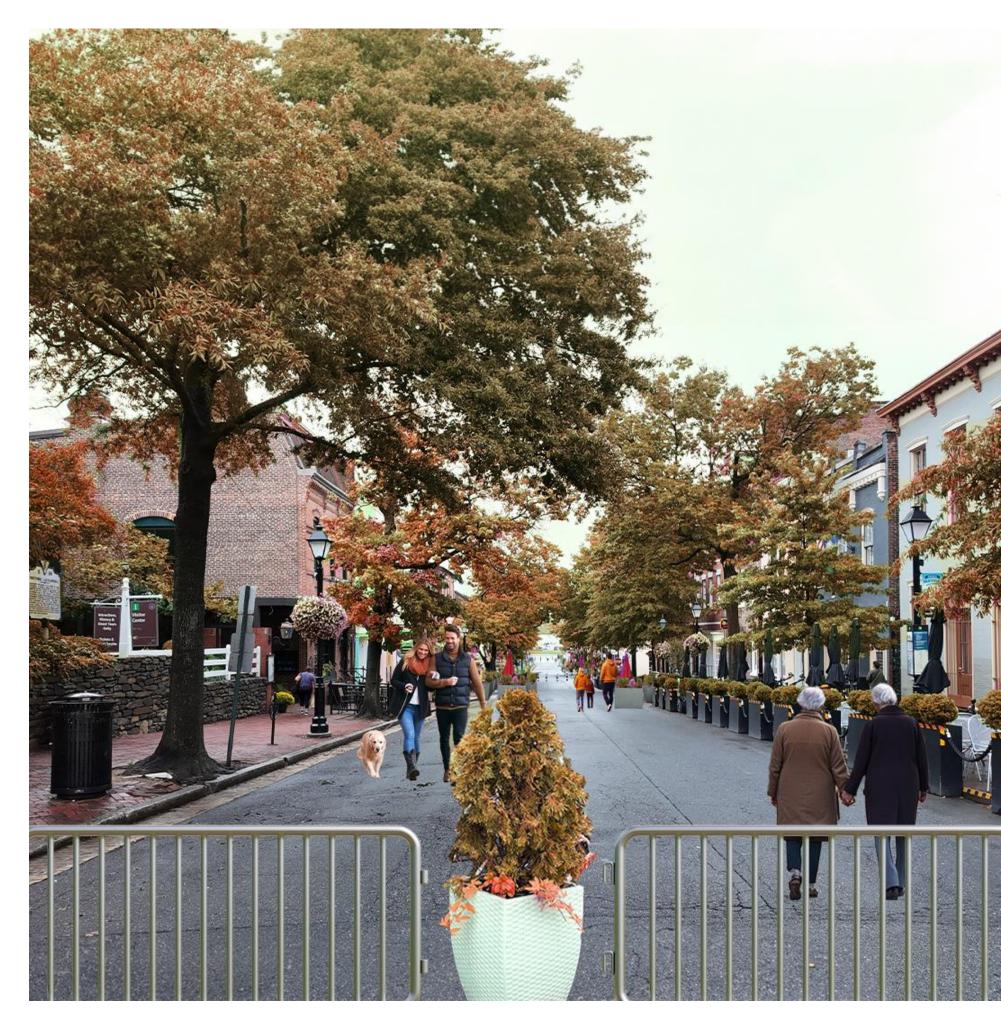


### Pilot Program Dates

Close - November 22, 2024 -January 6, 2025

Reopen – January 6, 2025 – March 14, 2025

Close - March 14, 2025 -September 30, 2025



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## **Consistency with Master Plan**

Old Town
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- Route through traffic away from established residential areas.
- Provide a continuous pedestrian pathway and bikeway along the entire Waterfront.
- Encourage the tourist potential of the historic and architectural aspects of Old Town.
- Visual awareness of the waterfront should be preserved.

### **King Street** Retail Strategy

- boundaries for the street
- *Create seating opportunities for pedestrians along the length of King Street*
- Explore options for closing portions of King Street for activities and pedestrian circulation
- Link the waterfront and other areas with existing and potential new trails for biking, walking and recreation to bring people (not cars) to King Street, as envisioned in the City's open space planning

#### Waterfront

- continuous.
- Maintain a living, active Waterfront that is a destination that attracts all Alexandrians and visitors and should be integral to the visitor experience in Alexandria.
- Improve the Waterfront's vehicular and pedestrian circulation.

#### 200 Block of King Street

Maintain and enhance the visual elements that terminate the views at the east/west ends of King Street and provide visual

Increase and improve access to the public spaces of the Waterfront. Pedestrian connectivity along the Waterfront should be



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Staff recommend the Planning Commission finds the proposed change to the 200 block of King Street **consistent with Section 9.06 of the City Charter and the City's Master Plan** 

