

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Article IX (SIGNS) to add provisions for a mural program, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2025-00005.

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines that:

1. In Text Amendment No. 2025-00005, the Planning Commission, having found that the public necessity, convenience, general welfare and good zoning practice so require, recommended approval to the City Council on September 4, 2025 of a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to adopt a mural program, which recommendation was approved by the City Council at public hearing on September 13, 2025;

2. The City Council in adopting this ordinance expressly adopts, ratifies, affirms and concurs in the finding and action of the Planning Commission above stated;

3. All requirements of law precedent to the adoption of this ordinance have been complied with; now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Article IX of the Zoning Ordinance be, and the same hereby is, amended by inserting new language shown in underline, as follows:

9-102 – Definitions.

(K.1) Mural. A work of art or artistic expression that is generally applied, painted, or placed directly on the exterior of a structure.

9-205 – Murals.

The purpose of these provisions is to encourage the creation of vibrant areas to serve as centers for human activity, encourage the development of inviting, distinctive public spaces that promote culture and the arts, and create usable, visually appealing streetscapes and sidewalks that foster street-level activity and public interaction.

(A) Notwithstanding any contrary provisions under Articles IX, murals shall be permitted on any structure in any zone subject to the following requirements:

(1) Murals shall incorporate paint, tile, or similar artistic media;

(2) Murals shall be maintained in good condition; and

(3) Any text, numbers, symbols, logos, or trademarks within the mural shall be considered signs and subject to Section 9-200.

(B) Any mural installed or displayed on or before April 26, 2025 may continue to be displayed and kept in good condition.

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3 Section 2. That the director of planning and zoning be, and hereby is, directed to
4 record the foregoing text amendment.
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6 Section 3. That Article IX, as amended pursuant to Section 1 of this ordinance, be,
7 and the same hereby is, reordained as part of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance.
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9 Section 4. That this ordinance shall become effective on the date and at the time of
10 its final passage, and shall apply to all applications for land use, land development or subdivision
11 approval provided for under the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance which may be filed after
12 such date, and shall apply to all other facts and circumstances subject to the provisions of the
13 City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, except as may be provided in Article XII of the Zoning
14 Ordinance.
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16 ALYIA GASKINS
17 Mayor
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