



CITY OF ALEXANDRIA
Planning & Zoning
Transportation & Environmental Services

City Charter Section 9.06

Case #2024-0004 – Street

Closure

200 block of King Street

City Council | 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**





Consistency with Master Plan

Old Town

- ▶ *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

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

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



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The Planning Commission voted 7-0 to **approve** the change in use, finding the proposed change to the 200 block of King Street is **consistent with Section 9.06 of the City Charter and the City's Master Plan**

