

Introduction and first reading: 03/08/2022  
Public hearing: 03/12/2022  
Second reading and enactment: 03/12/2022

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Title

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Article S (PAYMENT, CONTEST AND ENFORCEMENT OF PARKING CITATIONS) of Chapter 2 (TAXATION) of Title 3 (FINANCE, TAXATION AND PROCUREMENT); Article C (DISPOSITION OF ABANDONED, UNATTENDED AND IMMOBILE MOTOR VEHICLES) of Chapter 8 (PARKING AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS) of Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES); Chapter 4 (STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING) of Title 10 (MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

Summary

In March 2021, the City Council amended the City Code to penalize vehicles in excess of 12,000 pounds or lengths of 30 feet for parking more than two hours on public streets adjacent to commercial business areas unless such vehicles are actively engaged in loading or unloading operations. Despite the new category of infraction and consistent enforcement from Police, heavy vehicle parking remains an issue so City residents and business owners have continued submitting numerous related complaints to City staff. At the January 11, 2022, City Council meeting, the City Council requested Staff to develop enforcement options on the topic of commercial truck fines. Increasing fines for repeat offenders of ordinance 10-4-46 will further discourage drivers from parking heavy vehicles on public streets and encourage parking in off-street private facilities.

Sponsor

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- Yon Lambert, Director, T&ES
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3 Authority

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5 § 2.04(g), Alexandria City Charter

6 § 2.06, Alexandria City Charter

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8 § 46.2-1213, Code of Virginia (1950), as amended

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10 § 46.2-1220, Code of Virginia (1950), as amended

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12 Estimated Costs of Implementation

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14 None

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16 Attachments in Addition to Proposed Ordinance and its Attachments (if any)

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