

**City of Alexandria
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 30, 2025 6:00 PM - City Hall, Council Chamber
City Council Special Budget Adoption Meeting**

PRESENT: Mayor Alyia Gaskins, Vice Mayor Sarah R. Bagley, Members of Council Canek Aguirre, John Taylor Chapman, Abdel Elnoubi, Jacinta E. Greene, and R. Kirk McPike.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO ABSENT: Mr. Parajon, City Manager; Ms. Cordell Ivery, City Attorney; Mr. Routt, Director, Office of Management and Budget (OMB); Ms. Hamm, Assistant Director, OMB; Ms. Baker, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Predeoux, Deputy City Manager; Ms. Roberts, Deputy City Attorney; Ms. Fleming, Director, Office of Communications and Community Engagement (OCCE); Ms. Roberts, Deputy City Attorney; Mr. Lanier, Assistant City Attorney; Mr. Fields, Director, Code Administrator; Ms. Williamson, Director, Human Resources; Mr. Gonsalves, Assistant City Manager; Mr. Smith, Information Technology Services (ITS); Ms. Demeke, ITS; and Police Lt. May.

Recorded by: Gloria Sitton, City Clerk and Clerk of Council.

I. OPENING

1. Calling the Roll.

Mayor Gaskins called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All members of City Council were present.

Councilman Elnoubi gave the following disclosure statement: "Due to my employment with WMATA, I have a personal interest in the approval of the FY 2026 annual operating budget because it includes funding for WMATA. However, after discussing the matter with the City Attorney, I have determined that I am able to participate in, and vote on, this docket item due to an applicable legal exception which allows members of a business, profession, occupation, or group of three or more persons the members of which are affected by the transaction to participate in the transaction despite having a personal interest."

Councilman Chapman gave the following disclosure statement: "Due to my ownership of Manumission Tour Company and its membership in Visit Alexandria, I have a personal interest in the approval of the FY 2026 annual operating budget because it includes funding for Visit Alexandria. However, after discussing the matter with the City Attorney, I have determined that I am able to participate in, and vote on, this docket item due to an applicable legal exception which allows members of a business, profession, occupation, or group of three or more persons the members of which are affected by the transaction to participate in the transaction despite having a personal interest."

II. Reports and Recommendations of the City Manager for Discussion

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Bagley, seconded by Councilman McPike and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council moved to consider docket item #2 at the end of the docket. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, Councilwoman Greene, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

Docket item #2 was considered out of order at the end of the docket.

2. Consideration of the Proposed Annual Operating Budget for FY 2026 (including Schools) and the Proposed Capital Improvement Program for FY 2026 to FY 2035 (including Schools CIP) and Adoption of a Resolution. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 2; 04/30/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Bagley, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council adopted the budget resolution which includes an annual General Fund operating budget for FY 2026 of nine hundred and fifty-six million, four hundred and forty-nine thousand, seven hundred and five dollars (\$956,449,705); and the FY 2026 to FY 2035 Capital Improvement Program of two billion, seventy-six million, seven hundred and forty-nine thousand, eight hundred and thirty-six dollars (\$2,076,749,836) in total; including two hundred and five million, eight hundred and sixty-six thousand, five hundred and forty-four dollars (\$205,866,544) in total for FY 2026. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, Councilwoman Greene, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 3288

WHEREAS, the City Manager submitted the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 budget to the City Council on February 25, 2025 for its consideration; and

WHEREAS, upon due and proper notice, published in accordance with the law, said proposed budget was advertised in a newspaper of general circulation on February 27, 2025; and

WHEREAS, two public hearings were held March 10 and March 15, 2025, and interested taxpayers were given the opportunity to file or register any objections to said proposed budget; and

WHEREAS, City Council amended the budget in the Preliminary Add/Delete Work Session on April 22, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the budget as amended by City Council remains balanced with projected revenues and expenditures for Fiscal Year 2026 of \$956,449,705; and

WHEREAS, the budget as amended by City Council includes revenues generated by a Stormwater Utility fee change, Code fee changes, RPCA fee changes, Residential Parking Permit fee changes, and the implementation of a Short-Term Rental fee schedule (Planning & Zoning) to be considered for final adoption along with the adoption of the budget on April 30, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Alexandria, Virginia that:

1. The General Fund operating budget is \$956,449,705 as submitted, amended, and summarized below. It is hereby approved and adopted as the budget of the City of Alexandria for Fiscal Year 2026 (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026).
 - a. Accountable, Effective and Well-Managed Government: \$87,873,682
 - b. Healthy and Thriving Residents: \$112,643,781
 - c. Livable, Green and Prospering City: \$128,880,942
 - d. Safe, Secure and Just Community: \$206,373,890
 - e. Alexandria City Public Schools: \$282,384,561
 - f. Debt Service / Cash Capital: \$138,292,849
2. That the 10-year Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Year 2026 to 2035 is \$2,076,749,836
3. That this resolution shall become effective upon its adoption by the City Council.

III. ORDINANCES

3. Final Passage of an Ordinance on the Proposed Real and Personal Property Tax Rates and Proposed Effective Tax Rate Increase for Calendar Year 2025 (Fiscal Year 2026). [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 3; 04/30/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 3; 04/30/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each member of Council received a copy not less than 24 hours before said introduction, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 3; 04/30/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Aguirre, seconded by Councilwoman Greene and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council adopted an ordinance to set the City's calendar year 2025 blended real property tax rate at one dollar and thirteen and one half cents (\$1.135) on each \$100 of assessed value. This rate reflects no change from calendar year 2024. The calendar year 2025 real property tax rate contains the following:

- The sum of two point two cents (\$0.022) on each \$100 of assessed value of the one dollar and thirteen and one half cents real property tax rate will be collected and reserved for the Transportation Improvement Fund.
- The sum of one cent (\$0.01) on each \$100 of assessed value of the one dollar and thirteen and one half cents real property tax rate will be dedicated for affordable housing purposes beginning on July 1, 2025.
- The total blended real property tax rate for the City in calendar year 2025 will be one dollar and thirteen and one half cents (\$1.135).

The calendar year 2025 personal property tax rates contain the following:

- The sum of five dollars and thirty-three cents (\$5.33) on each one-hundred dollars of assessed value of vehicle personal property. This rate remains unchanged from calendar year 2024.
- The sum of four dollars and seventy-five cents (\$4.75) on each \$100 of assessed value of tangible business personal property. This rate remains unchanged from calendar year 2024.
- The sum of four dollars and fifty cents (\$4.50) on each \$100 of assessed value of machinery and tools personal property. This rate remains unchanged from calendar year 2024.

The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, Councilwoman Greene, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

The ordinance reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 5584

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 3-2-181 (LEVIED; AMOUNT), Section 3-2-188 (CLASSIFICATION AND TAXATION OF CERTAIN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL REAL PROPERTY), and Section 3-2-189 (TIER I POTOMAC YARD METRORAIL STATION SPECIAL SERVICES DISTRICT TAX) of Division 1, (REAL ESTATE), and Section 3-2-221 (LEVIED ON TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY OTHER THAN MOBILE HOMES, AUTOMOBILES, TRUCKS, ANTIQUE MOTOR

VEHICLES, TAXICABS, MOTOR VEHICLES WITH SPECIALLY DESIGNED EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY THE HANDICAPPED, MOTORCYCLES, CAMPERS AND OTHER RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, BOATS AND TRAILERS; AMOUNT), Section 3-2-222 (LEVIED ON MACHINERY AND TOOLS USED IN MINING OR MANUFACTURING BUSINESS; AMOUNT), Section 3-2-223 (LEVIED ON MOBILE HOMES; AMOUNT), Section 3-2-224 (LEVIED ON AUTOMOBILES, TRUCKS, TRAILERS, SEMI-TRAILERS, ANTIQUE MOTOR VEHICLES, TAXICABS, MOTORCYCLES, CAMPERS AND OTHER RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, BOATS AND TRAILERS; AMOUNT) of Division 3 (TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY AND MACHINERY AND TOOLS), all of Article M (LEVY AND COLLECTION OF PROPERTY TAXES), Chapter 2 (TAXATION), Title 3 (FINANCE, TAXATION AND PROCUREMENT) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 3-2-181 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended as follows:

Sec. 3-2-181 Levied; amount.

There shall be levied and collected for the calendar year 2025 on all real estate located within the territorial boundaries of the city and subject to taxation for city purposes under the constitution and laws of this state and city, a tax of \$_____ on each \$100 of the assessed value of all taxable real property, to include residential property and commercial property value, for the support of the city government, for the payment of principal and interest of the city debt and for other municipal expenses and purposes.

Section 2. That Sec. 3-2-188 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, 1981 as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended as follows:

Sec. 3-2-188 Classification and taxation of certain commercial and industrial real property.

(a) Pursuant to the authority granted by Section 58.1-3221.3 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, all commercial and industrial real property in the City of Alexandria classified by the General Assembly as a separate class of real property for local taxation shall be designated, assessed and taxed as a separate class of real property. Such separate class of real property shall not include any residential uses excluded by Section 58.1-3221.3 of the Code of Virginia.

(b) In addition to all other taxes and fees permitted by law, the class of real property designated in this section may, and if imposed by ordinance shall, be subject to a real property tax, in addition to that imposed by City Code Section 3-2-181 and any other applicable law, at the rate established by the City Council of the City of Alexandria not to exceed the rate authorized by the Code of Virginia.

(c) All revenues generated from the real property tax imposed by this Section 3-2-188 shall be used exclusively for transportation-related projects and services that benefit the City of Alexandria.

(d) The real property tax imposed by this Section 3-2-188 shall be levied, administered, enforced and collected in the same manner as set forth in Subtitle III of Title 58.1 of the Code of Virginia and Chapter 2 of this Title for the levy, administration, enforcement and collection of local taxes.

(e) The director of the division of real estate assessments shall separately assess and set forth upon the City of Alexandria's land book the fair market value of that property that is designated as a separate class of real property in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(f) There shall be levied and collected for the calendar year 2025 on all real estate located within the territorial boundaries of the city and subject to taxation pursuant to this section, a tax of \$0.00 on each \$100 of the assessed value thereof, for the purposes set forth in subsection (c) above.

Section 3. That Section 3-2-189 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended as follows:

Sec. 3-2-189 Tier I Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Special Services District Tax.

(a) Pursuant to the authority granted by Section 15.2-2400, et seq. of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, all real property located in the Tier I Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Special Services District, established pursuant to Ordinance Number 4693, classified by the city council as a separate class of real property for local taxation shall be designated, assessed and taxed as a separate class of real property.

(b) In addition to all other taxes and fees permitted by law, the class of real property designated in this section may, and if imposed by ordinance shall, be subject to a real property tax, in addition to that imposed by city code section 3-2-181 and any other applicable law, at the rate established by the city council of the City of Alexandria.

(c) As detailed in Ordinance Number 4693, all revenues generated from the real property tax imposed by this Section 3-2-189 shall be used exclusively for the purpose of providing facilities and services related to the construction of the Potomac Yard Metro Station in the City of Alexandria and the construction of a pedestrian bridge from Potomac Greens to Potomac Yard.

(d) The real property tax imposed by this section 3-2-189 shall be levied, administered, enforced and collected in the same manner as set forth in Subtitle III of Title 58.1 of the Code of Virginia and chapter 2 of this title for the levy, administration, enforcement and collection of local taxes.

(e) The director of the division of real estate assessments shall separately assess and set forth upon the City of Alexandria's land book the fair market value of that property that is designated as a separate class of real property in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(f) There shall be levied and collected for the calendar year 2025 on all real estate located within the territorial boundaries of the city and subject to taxation pursuant to this section, a tax of \$0.20 on each \$100 of the assessed value thereof, for the purposes set forth in subsection (c) above.

Section 4. That Section 3-2-221 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended as follows:

Sec. 3-2-221 Levied on tangible personal property other than mobile homes, automobiles, trucks, antique motor vehicles, taxicabs, motor vehicles with specially designed equipment for use by the handicapped, motorcycles, campers and other recreational vehicles, boats and boat trailers; amount.

There shall be levied and collected for the calendar year 2025 on all tangible personal property, other than mobile homes, automobiles, trucks, antique motor vehicles, taxicabs, motor vehicles with specially designed equipment for use by the handicapped, motorcycles, campers and other recreational vehicles, boats and trailers, owned or held by residents or citizens of the city or located within the territorial boundaries of the city or otherwise having a situs within the city and subject to taxation for city purposes under the constitution and laws of this state and city, a tax of \$_____ on every \$100 of assessed value thereof, for the support of the city government, for the payment of principal and interest of the city debt and for other municipal expenses and purposes.

Section 5. That Section 3-2-222 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended as follows:

Sec. 3-2-222 Levied on machinery and tools used in mining or manufacturing business; amount.

There shall be levied and collected for the calendar year 2025 on all machinery and tools used in a mining or manufacturing business taxable on capital and subject to taxation for city purposes under the constitution and laws of this state and city, a tax of \$_____ on each \$100 of assessed value thereof, for the support of the city government, for the payment of principal and interest of the city debt and for other municipal expenses and purposes.

Section 6. That Section 3-2-223 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended as follows:

Sec. 3-2-223 Levied on mobile homes; amount.

There shall be levied and collected for the calendar year 2025 on all vehicles without motor power, used or designed to be used as mobile homes as defined in section 46.2-100 of the Code of Virginia, owned or held by residents or citizens of the city or located within the territorial boundaries of the city or otherwise having a situs within the city and subject to taxation for city purposes under the constitution and laws of this state and city, a tax of \$_____ on each \$100 of assessed value thereof, for the support of the city government, for the payment of principal and interest of the city debt and for other municipal expenses and purposes.

Section 7. That Section 3-2-224 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended as follows:

Sec. 3-2-224 Levied on automobiles, trucks, trailers, semi-trailers, antique motor vehicles, taxicabs, motorcycles, campers and other recreational vehicles, boats and trailers; amount.

(a) Except as provided in subsections (b), (c) and (d), there shall be levied and collected for the calendar year 2025 on all automobiles, trucks, trailers, semi-trailers, antique motor vehicles (as defined in Section 46.2-100 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, which may be used for general transportation purposes as provided in subsection C of Section 46.2-730 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended), taxicabs, motorcycles, campers and other recreational vehicles, boats and boat trailers owned or held by residents or citizens of the city or located within the territorial boundaries of the city or otherwise having a situs for taxation in the city, a tax of \$_____ on every \$100 of assessed value thereof, for the support of the city government, for the payment of principal and interest of the city debt and for other municipal expenses and purposes.

(b) There shall be levied on and collected for the calendar year 2025 on all automobiles, trucks, trailers and semi-trailers with a gross vehicle weight of 10,000 pounds or more which are used to transport property for hire by a motor carrier engaged in interstate commerce, and are owned or held by residents or citizens of the city, are located within the territorial boundaries of the city or otherwise have a situs for taxation in the city, a tax of \$_____ on every \$100 of assessed value thereof, for the support of the city government, for the payment of principal and interest of the city debt and for other municipal expenses and purposes.

(c) There shall be levied on and collected for the calendar year 2025 on all automobiles and trucks which are equipped with specially designed equipment for use by the handicapped and are owned or held by residents or citizens of the city, are located within the territorial boundaries of the city or otherwise have a situs for taxation in the city, a tax of \$_____ on every \$100 of assessed value thereof, for the support of the city government, for the payment of principal and interest of the city debt and for other municipal expenses and purposes.

(d) There shall be levied on and collected for the calendar year 2025 on all privately owned pleasure boats and watercraft, which are used for recreational purposes only, and are owned or held by residents or citizens of the city, or are located within the territorial boundaries of the city or otherwise have a situs for taxation in the city, a tax of \$_____ on every \$100 of assessed value thereof, for the support of the city government, for the payment of principal and interest of the city debt and for other municipal expenses and purposes.

(e) The city adopts Personal Property Tax Relief as authorized by the current state budget, which allows for provision of a specific dollar amount to be offset against the total taxes that would otherwise be due but for the Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998, Section 58.1-3523 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, as amended, and the reporting of such specific dollar relief on the tax bill.

(i) The city shall, following adoption of the annual budget adopted pursuant to Chapter 25 of Title 15.2 of the Code of Virginia and Sections 6.01 through 6.15 of the City Charter, set the rates of tax relief under this subsection at such a level that it is anticipated fully to exhaust

relief funds under the Personal Property Tax Relief Act of 1998, Section 58.1-3523 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, as amended, provided to the city by the Commonwealth and pursuant to the Virginia Budget Bill, Reimbursement to Localities for Personal Property Tax Relief (item 74601) under the Secretary of Finance.

(ii) Personal property tax bills shall set forth on their face the specific dollar amount of relief under this subsection credited with respect to each qualifying vehicle, together with an explanation of the general manner in which such relief is allocated.

(iii) Allocation of relief under this subsection shall be provided in accordance with the general provisions of this section, as implemented by resolution relating to relief under this subsection.

(iv) Relief under this subsection shall be allocated in such a manner as to eliminate personal property taxation of each qualifying vehicle with an assessed value of \$5,000 or less.

(v) Relief under this subsection with respect to qualifying vehicles with assessed values of more than \$5,000 shall be provided at rates, annually fixed by resolution, that achieve to the extent feasible the following general relationship, such that of the Personal Property Tax Relief funds from the Commonwealth remaining after application to qualifying vehicles valued at \$5,000 or less are applied as follows:

(A) Approximately 76% of State funds are allocated to the first \$20,000 of value for vehicles assessed at \$5,001 - \$20,000;

(B) Approximately 13% of State funds are allocated to the first \$20,000 of value for vehicles assessed at \$20,001 - \$25,000; and

(C) Approximately 11% of State funds are allocated to the first \$20,000 of value for vehicles assessed over \$25,000.

Section 8. That Article M as amended pursuant to Sections 1 through 7 of this ordinance, be, and the same hereby is, reordained as part of the City of Alexandria City Code.

Section 9. That this ordinance shall become effective January 1, 2025, nunc pro tunc.

4. Final Passage of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 5-6-233 (STORMWATER UTILITY FEE) of Chapter 6 (WATER AND SEWER) of Article C (STORMWATER UTILITY) of Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES), of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 4; 04/30/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the informal memorandum explaining the ordinance is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 4; 04/30/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each member of Council received a copy not less than 24 hours before said introduction, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 4; 04/30/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Chapman, seconded by Councilman McPike and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council adopted an ordinance to increase the Stormwater Utility Fee as set forth in the Stormwater Utility ordinance. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, Councilwoman Greene, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

The ordinance reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 5585

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 5-6-233 (STORMWATER UTILITY FEE) of Article C (STORMWATER UTILITY) of Chapter 6 (WATER AND SEWER) of Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 5-6-233 of Article C of Chapter 6 of Title 5 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended as follows, by deleting the language shown in strikethrough and adding the language shown as underlined:

Chapter 6, ARTICLE C - Stormwater Utility

Sec. 5-6-233 - Stormwater utility fee.

- (b) The utility fee rate per billing unit for calculating the stormwater utility fee shall be set as follows:
 - (1) For the stormwater utility fee bill due and payable on or before June 15, ~~2024~~ 2025, the utility fee rate per billing unit for calculating the stormwater utility fee shall be set at ~~\$308.70~~ \$324.10.
 - (2) For the stormwater utility fee bill due and payable on or before November 15, ~~2024~~ 2025 and all bills thereafter, the utility fee rate per billing unit for calculating the stormwater utility fee shall be set at ~~\$324.10~~ \$340.30 annually.

Section 2. That Section 5-6-233, as amended pursuant to Section 1 of this ordinance, be, and the same hereby is, reordained as part of the Code of the City of Alexandria.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time of its final passage.

- 5. Final Passage of an Ordinance to amend and reordain Section 5-8-77 (PARKING PERMITS; ISSUANCE) of Article F (PERMIT PARKING DISTRICTS) of Chapter 8 (PARKING AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS) of Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as

amended. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 5; 04/30/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.

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A copy of the ordinance referred to in the above item, of which each member of Council received a copy not less than 24 hours before said introduction, is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 5; 04/30/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Vice Mayor Bagley, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council adopted an ordinance to increase the residential permit parking fees for FY 2026 as set forth in the ordinance. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, Councilwoman Greene, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

The ordinance reads as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 5586

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 5-8-77 (PARKING PERMITS; ISSUANCE) of Article F (PERMIT PARKING DISTRICTS) of Chapter 8 (PARKING AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS) of Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 5-8-77 of Article F of Chapter 8 of Title 5 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended as follows, by deleting the language shown in strikethrough and adding the language shown as underlined:

Chapter 8, ARTICLE F – Permit Parking Districts
Sec. 5-8-77 – Parking permits; issuance

- (a) The city manager shall, upon payment of the fee provided for by this article, issue permits:
 - (1) to persons who reside in a permit parking district or to persons who both reside in a residential property located on a block adjacent to an existing permit parking district where parking on said block is controlled by time limits set by official signs or metered parking and lack adequate alternative nearby parking facilities available to them, as determined by the city manager or the manager's designee. The following shall apply:

- (i) one permit for each vehicle belonging to such persons for which the persons have paid all personal property taxes imposed thereon by the city. Applicants for permits issued pursuant to this subsection shall provide proof of residence and, for each vehicle for which a permit is sought, a motor vehicle registration card issued by the division of motor vehicles and proof of payment of all personal property taxes and license taxes imposed thereon by the city.

For permits issued to a person or renewed pursuant to paragraph (i) of this subsection, there shall be imposed a fee of ~~\$40~~55 for the first vehicle, ~~\$50~~75 for the second vehicle, and ~~\$150~~250 for each additional vehicle. A replacement permit for use on another vehicle registered in such person's name may be obtained upon application on forms furnished by the city manager and presentation of the registration card for the vehicle for which the replacement permit is sought and pieces of the previously issued permit as proof that it was removed from the vehicle for which the fee was previously paid, accompanied by a fee of \$1; and

- (ii) One permit per residential property for a health care provider providing health care services and/or childcare provider providing childcare services at the residential property. Permits issued under this paragraph (a)(1)(ii) are not vehicle specific and may be transferred to different vehicles, but the use of such permits other than by persons providing health care services and/or childcare services at the residential property or other than during such times as they are providing health care services and/or childcare services at the residential property (or are in the immediate process of coming or going from the residential property in connection with providing health care services and/or childcare services at the residential property) is prohibited. Such permits shall be valid for up to one year and will expire on October 5, annually. Applicants for permits issued pursuant to this paragraph (a)(1)(ii) shall provide proof of residence, a notarized certification that a permanent occupant of the residential property is receiving health care services and/or childcare services at the residential property, and vehicle registration for the initial user of the permit, and a written statement from a licensed medical professional that a permanent occupant of the residential property is receiving health care services at the residential property. For permits issued to a person or renewed pursuant to paragraph (ii) of this subsection, there shall be imposed a fee of ~~\$150~~250 per permit.
- (2) to persons who are visitors at a residential property within a permit parking district on the application of the resident, one permit for any vehicle used by such person during the visit, which permit shall be valid for a maximum of 30 days but shall not be renewed; provided, that permits may be issued to no more than two visitors to the same residential property at the same time. A \$5 fee shall be charged for any permit issued pursuant to this subsection for a period of more than seven days.
 - (3) to persons who are guests at a residential property in a permit parking district on the application of the resident, one permit for any vehicle used by such person while a guest at the residential property, which permit shall be valid for a date certain or portion thereof. Self-validating guest permits or online, date-specific guest permits shall be issued for the guests of any residential property located in a permit parking district upon the application of a person residing in the residential property.

- (4) to persons doing business with an occupant of the residential property or a nonresident property owner of a property located within a permit parking district on the application of the occupant of the residential property or nonresident property owner, one permit for the vehicle used while doing business in the permit parking district; provided, that such permits may be issued to no more than three persons doing business at the same residential property at the same time. No permit shall be issued pursuant to this subsection for a period longer than the time estimated by the occupant of the residential property or nonresident property owner to be required for completing the business transaction for which the permit is sought, and in no event shall any permit be valid for more than 30 days.
- (b) Whenever a holder of a permit issued under this section is no longer qualified to possess the permit, the permit shall be invalid and shall be returned to the director of finance.
- (c) Permits shall not be issued to persons who reside in a residential development which is subject to a special use permit, to the extent the residents, visitors, guests or business-invitees within such development are excluded by the special use permit from eligibility for one or more of the permits described above in subsections (1), (2), (3) or (4).
- (d) No citation for a violation of section 5-8-72 of this article shall be issued in any permit parking district until the signs required by subsection (d) of this section shall have been posted in the district. No citation for a violation of section 5-8-72 shall be valid if the owner of the vehicle receiving the citation within 15 days of the date of adoption of the resolution designating the permit parking district in which the motor vehicle was parked when cited, obtains a permit authorizing the parking of the vehicle in the district. No citation for a violation of section 5-8-72 shall be valid if, less than 31 days before the date of the citation, the owner of the cited vehicle first become a resident of the permit parking district in which the vehicle was parked when cited and, within 30 days of becoming a resident of the district, the owner obtained a permit authorizing the parking of the cited vehicle within the district.

Section 2. That Section 5-8-7, as amended pursuant to Section 1 of this ordinance, be, and the same hereby is, reordained as part of the Code of the City of Alexandria.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time of its final passage.

IV. RESOLUTIONS

- 6. Consideration of a Resolution to Adopt Fee Changes to Increase Cost Recovery for the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities (RPCA) Programs for FY 2026. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 6; 04/30/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman Elnoubi, seconded by Councilwoman Greene and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council adopted a resolution to establish

and to increase fee rates for the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities programs for FY 2026 as set forth in the resolution. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, Councilwoman Greene, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 3285

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT FEE INCREASES ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES FOR FY 2026

WHEREAS, under Section 2.07 of the City Charter, City Council has the authority to establish fees to be charged for services provided by the City; and

WHEREAS, under City Code Section 3-1-8(a), except as otherwise expressly provided in this code or in the zoning ordinance, all fees and charges for applications submitted to; for permits and approvals issued by, and for activities, programs and services provided by, the City of Alexandria shall be established by resolution of the City Council; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Alexandria, Virginia, that the following fees be increased as follows beginning July 1, 2025.

	Group	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Audio Equipment	n/a	n/a	\$50
Youth Sports Fee	n/a	\$95	\$100
Soft Play Equipment and Indoor Moon Bounce	n/a	n/a	\$75
Chinquapin Rixse, Lanes/Ramp	Resident/local non-profit	\$25/hr	\$30/hr
	non-resident & Business	\$45/hr	\$55/hr
Chinquapin Rixse, Diving Well	Resident/local non-profit	71/hr	\$120/hr
	non-resident & Business	\$126/hr	\$220/hr
Chinquapin Rixse, Entire Aquatics Facility	Resident/local non-profit	\$253/hr	\$390/hr
	non-resident & Business	\$505/hr	\$715/hr
Minnie Howard Lanes	Resident/local non-profit	\$25/hr	\$30/hr

	non-resident & Business	\$45/hr	\$55/hr
Minnie Howard Diving Well	Resident/local non-profit	71/hr	\$120/hr
	non-resident & Business	\$126/hr	\$220/hr
Minnie Howard Training pool	Resident/local non-profit	\$87/hr	\$120/hr
	non-resident & Business	\$126/hr	\$220/hr
Minnie Howard Entire Facility	Resident/local non-profit	\$253/hr	\$539/hr
	non-resident & Business	\$505/hr	\$959/hr
Lee Center auditorium	Resident/local non-profit	\$117/hr	\$149/hr
	non-resident & Business	\$157	\$199/hr
Rental Staff Support Fee	Mon-Friday	\$36/hr	\$45/hr
	Sa, Su, Holidays, After hours	\$47/hr	\$59/hr

That the fees established above shall apply, unless and until revised by the City Council, to such services provided during subsequent fiscal years.

To the extent that these rates differ from those in Resolutions 2947, 3154, 3220 those provisions of Resolutions 2947, 3154, 3220 are hereby repealed.

That this resolution shall become effective July 1, 2025

7. Consideration of a Resolution to Adopt a Department of Planning & Zoning Fee Increase by Adding Short-Term Residential Rental Permit Fees to the Department of Planning & Zoning's Fee Schedule and to Transfer Grading Plan Permit Fees to the Department of Planning & Zoning Fee Schedule. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 7; 04/30/25, and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilman McPike, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council adopted a resolution for the transfer of grading and draining plan permit fees for FY 2026 and to establish new permit fees, effective September 1, 2025, for the City's Short Term Rental Program to the Department of Planning and Zoning's Fee Schedule. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, Councilwoman Greene, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 3286

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3-1-8(b) of the City Code, the City Council by resolution may delegate to the City Manager or his designee the authority to establish or adjust specific fees and charges, subject to such requirements and restrictions as the City Council may provide;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3-1-8(d) of the City Code, it shall be the duty of the director of the Office of Management and Budget, and of the head of every responsible City department or agency, to periodically review such fees and charges on a schedule established by the City Manager, and recommend to City Council as part of the annual budget process whether any existing fees and charges should be revised, or additional fees and charges established, in order to reasonably recover or offset the associated cost of operations;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 11-104 of the Zoning Ordinance, the director of Planning & Zoning has established the Department of Planning & Zoning's Fee Schedule;

WHEREAS, pursuant to modifications to provisions of Article VII (Supplemental Zone Regulations) of the Zoning Ordinance, the City Council approved an ordinance to establish a Short-Term Residential Rental Program (STR); WHEREAS, the proposed FY 2026 Operating Budget contains funds to implement the STR Program with a STR Program Manager, an enhanced STR platform for owners and the public and, with this resolution, STR permit fees which will be added to the Department of Planning & Zoning's Fee Schedule;

WHEREAS, pursuant to modifications to Section 5-6-224 (Method of storm and subsoil water disposal) of the City Code, City Council approved an ordinance to change review and approval authority of Grading Plans from the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services to the Department of Planning & Zoning and to include the associated fees for such plans in the Department of Planning & Zoning Fee Schedule; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

1. That the attached fee schedule is deemed to contain fair and appropriate fees; and
2. That said fee schedule shall be, and hereby is, approved and incorporated by reference in this Resolution, and shall, until amended or rescinded, set forth the fees to be charged by the City of Alexandria Department of Planning & Zoning; and
3. To the extent that these rates differ from those in Resolutions 2770, 2821, 2944, 2996 and 3068 those provisions of 2770, 2821, 2944, 2996 and 3068 Resolutions are hereby repealed; and
4. That this Resolution shall become effective for the Short-Term Residential Rental fees on September 1, 2025 and the Grading Plan permit fees upon adoption of the FY 2026 Budget.
8. Consideration of a Resolution to Adopt Adjustments to the FY 2026 Department of

Code Administration's Permit Center Fee Schedule. [ROLL-CALL VOTE]

(A copy of the City Manager's memorandum is on file in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council, marked Item No. 8; 04/30/25; and is incorporated as part of this record by reference.)

WHEREUPON, upon motion by Councilwoman Greene, seconded by Councilman Chapman and carried unanimously by roll-call vote, City Council adopted a resolution to establish and to increase fee rates for the Department of Code Administration's Permit Center Fee Schedule for FY 2026 as set forth in the resolution. The vote was as follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagely, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, Councilwoman Greene, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 3287

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2.07 of the City Charter, City Council has the authority to establish fees to be charged for services provided by the City; and

WHEREAS, section 8-1-23(a) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, provides that all fees for permits, inspections and certificates required by the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code shall be as established by resolution of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 3221, adopted by City Council on May 1, 2024, which incorporated an attached fee schedule, is the most recent establishment of fees charged for various permits and certificates issued by, and for various services performed by, the City of Alexandria Department of Code Administration; and

WHEREAS, City Council has determined that the fee schedule set forth in Resolution No. 3221 is in need of amendment and adjustment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE
CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA**

1. That the fee schedule attached hereto, entitled "City of Alexandria, Virginia, Department of Code Administration, Permit Center Fee Schedule," dated July 1, 2025, is deemed to contain fair and appropriate fees to be paid by persons seeking various permits, inspections, certificates, and other services, from the City's Permit Center; and
2. That said fee schedule shall be, and hereby is, approved and incorporated by reference in this resolution, and shall, until amended or rescinded, set forth the fees to be charged for various permits, inspections and certificates, and for various services performed by, the City of Alexandria Permit Center, beginning July 1, 2025; and
3. That the sections of Resolution No. 3221, adopted on May 1, 2024, shall be, and hereby are, rescinded related to the fees to be charged for various permits, inspections and

certificates, and for various services performed by, the City of Alexandria Department of Code Administration; and

4. That this Resolution shall be effective on July 1, 2025.

V. ADJOURN

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERATION, upon to motion Vice Mayor Bagley, seconded by Councilwoman Greene and carried unanimously, City Council adjourned the April 30, 2025 special budget adoption meeting at 6:36 p.m. The vote was follows: In favor, Mayor Gaskins, Vice Mayor Bagley, Councilman Aguirre, Councilman Chapman, Councilman Elnoubi, Councilwoman Greene, and Councilman McPike; Opposed, none.

APPROVED BY:

ALYIA GASKINS

MAYOR

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk

Adopted: May 13, 2025