



Street Name Case #2016-0001
Trice Alley

Application	General Data	
Request: Public hearing and consideration of a request to change the name of Trice Alley to Trice-Barr Alley.	Planning Commission Hearing:	June 9, 2016
	City Council Hearing:	June 18, 2016
Address: Trice Alley (located between 311 and 317 Prince Street)	Zone:	CD/Commercial Downtown & RM/Townhouse Zone
Applicant: Phillip S. Perry, Alexandria Fire Department	Small Area Plan:	Old Town Small Area Plan

Staff Recommendation: APPROVAL subject to compliance with all applicable codes and ordinances and the recommended permit conditions found in Section III of this report.

Staff Reviewers: Sara Brandt-Vorel, sara.brandtvorel@alexandriava.gov

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION, JUNE 9, 2016: By unanimous consent, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the request, subject to compliance with all applicable codes, ordinances and staff recommendations.

Reason: The Planning Commission agreed with the staff analysis.



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I. DISCUSSION

REQUEST

The applicant, Captain Phillip Perry of the Alexandria Fire Department, Firehouse #1, requests a street name change for “Trice Alley,” located between 311 and 317 Prince Street in order for it to be renamed as “Trice-Barr Alley.”



Figure 1: Historic Fire Station 201 and Trice Alley.

SITE DESCRIPTION



Figure 2: Trice Alley

The subject alley is located within the 300 block of Prince Street and extends north from Prince Street, between S. Royal and S. Fairfax Streets. The public alley of poured concrete runs approximately half a block in length for approximately 220 feet and varies in width from 8 to 18 feet. The alleyway is adjacent to Fire Station 201, located at 317 Prince Street, which is home to Engine 201. Fire Station 201 was constructed by the City of Alexandria in 1915. The eastern boundary of the alleyway is framed by a two-story, single-family home that was built circa 1920 and is listed as a contributing historic structure in the City of Alexandria.

The northern end of Trice Alley connects to a surface parking lot that is used by several small businesses with frontage on S. Royal and S. Fairfax Streets. The area surrounding the alley is developed with historic single-family homes which maintain their residential use or have been converted to restaurant, retail, and small office uses.

BACKGROUND

Located in the Old and Historic District, the alley fully appears in its current iteration on City maps by 1877. The adjacent and active fire station, Fire Station 201 was constructed in 1915 by the City of Alexandria and was the fifth home station to the “Relief Society Fire Company”. The “Relief Society Fire Company” was established in Alexandria in June 1788 as the forerunner of Engine Company 201.

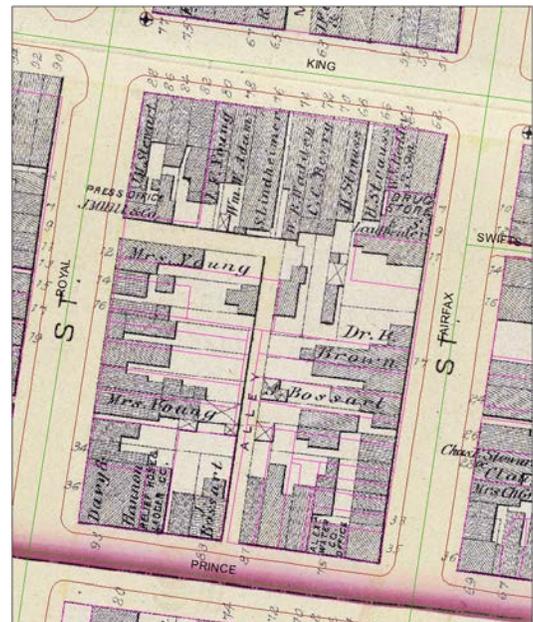


Figure 3: Historic map of Alexandria Virginia circa 1877.



Figure 4: The second and fifth homes of the Relief Society Fire Company, constructed circa 1855 and 1915, respectively.

Fire Station 201 was constructed directly adjacent to the second home of the “Relief Society Fire Company,” a Victorian building constructed in 1855 that is the oldest standing station building in the City of Alexandria. The historic 1855 fire station was converted to a residential use in 1980.

In 1986 the alley was formally named “Trice Alley” to commemorate Firefighter Edward Trice upon his retirement from the

City. Firefighter Trice, named Fireman of the Year in 1981, had served as a member of the City of Alexandria Fire Department for 25 years and spent most of his career at Fire Station 201.

PROPOSAL

The applicant, Captain Phillip Perry of the Alexandria Fire Department requests a street name change to amend “Trice Alley” to “Trice-Barr Alley” to commemorate the career of Firefighter Dale Barr. Firefighter Barr was a member of the Alexandria Fire Department for 33 years and served directly as member of Fire Station 201 from 1989 until his retirement in 2015. During his career with the Alexandria Fire Department, Firefighter Barr went above the call of service numerous times and received four commendations from the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce for valorous actions:



*Figure 5:
Firefighter
Dale Barr*

- **February 1999, Silver Medal:** Firefighter Barr received a Silver Medal for his off-duty actions when he risked personal safety to deliver medical aid to the victim of a vehicle accident with serious injuries until the arrival of medics.
- **February 2000, Life Saving Award:** While serving as a member of the Marine Operations Team, Firefighter Barr maneuvered a rubberized rescue boat to successfully rescue an attempted suicide victim from the Potomac River. Due to Firefighter Barr’s skill in maneuvering the boat he successfully saved the victim and ensured the safety of his fellow firefighters during the rescue operation.
- **January 2009, Bronze Medal:** Firefighter Barr single-handedly maintained grip on an attempted suicide victim from an upper-floor window until fellow firefighters were in

position on the ground to catch the potential victim. While suffering a laceration to his arm from the window glass during the episode, Firefighter Barr preserved the life of a fellow citizen.

- **February 2013, Life Saving Award:** Firefighter Barr was part of a team which responded to the shooting of Police Officer Laboy. The pre-hospital medical treatment delivered by Firefighter Barr and the response team were credited with preserving Officer Laboy's life and enabling him to be medivacked to Med Starr Medical Hospital.

To honor the years of service given by Firefighter Barr, the Alexandria Fire Department requests the renaming of Trice Alley to commemorate Firefighter Barr's service as a member of the Department.

ZONING/MASTER PLAN DESIGNATION

The subject property is split zoned CD/Commercial Downtown and RM/Townhouse Zone. Section 5-2-66 of the Zoning Ordinance requires the name change of a street to be adopted through an ordinance by City Council.

II. STAFF ANALYSIS

Staff supports the applicant's request to amend the name of "Trice Alley" to "Trice-Barr Alley" to commemorate the years of dedication and service given to the City of Alexandria and the Alexandria Fire Department by Firefighter Barr. As the alleyway to be renamed is directly adjacent to Fire Station 201 where Firefighter Barr spent 26 of his 33 years of service, staff finds it an appropriate location to commemorate Firefighter Barr's career.

III. RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS

Staff recommends **approval** of the following alley name:

1. The alley running north to south on the 300 block of Prince Street, formerly known as *Trice Alley*, shall be named *Trice-Barr Alley*. (P&Z)

STAFF: Alex Dambach, Director, Land Use Regulatory Services,
Department of Planning and Zoning;
Sara Brandt-Vorel, Urban Planner.

IV. CITY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

Legend: C - code requirement R - recommendation S - suggestion F - finding

Geographic Information Systems:

No comments or concerns.

Fire Department:

No comments or concerns.

Office of Historic Alexandria:

No comments received.



APPLICATION

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CHANGE STREET NAME

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LOCATION: Trice Alley is located between 311 and 317 Prince Street, parallel to Firehouse #1 "Old Town".

TAX MAP REFERENCE: _____ **ZONE:** GD

APPLICANT'S NAME: Phillip S. Perry, Captain, Alexandria Fire Department, Firehouse #1

ADDRESS: 317 Prince Street, Alexandria, VA.

REASON FOR REQUEST TO CHANGE A STREET NAME: Like the namesake of the alley, Ed Trice, Dale Barr made the firehouse the center of the community. He helped so many in his 33 years with the department and risked his life on several occasions for others. Dale loved the community he worked in and neighbors would come by often to say hello. We request the alley honor both of these great public servants and re-name the alley Trice-Barr Alley.

Phillip S. Perry

Print Name of Applicant or Agent

Signature

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City and State Zip Code

3/29/2016

Date

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New Street Names are heard by PC only.

Change of Street Names are heard by PC and CC.

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ACTION - PLANNING COMMISSION _____

ACTION - CITY COUNCIL: _____