ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 3-2-354 of Article S (PAYMENT, CONTEST AND ENFORCEMENT OF PARKING CITATIONS) of Chapter 2 (Taxation) of Title 3 (FINANCE, TAXATION AND PROCUREMENT) and Section 10-4-48 (PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS CHAPTER) of 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.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 3-2-354 of Article S of Chapter 2 of Title 3 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:

Sec. 3-2-354 Penalties for uncontested citations.

Any other provisions of this Code to the contrary notwithstanding, the penalty for any of the following violations of this Code shall, when the citation which was issued for the violation is uncontested, be as follows:

(a) If a payment is tendered to the director of finance within 30 calendar days from the date the citation was issued:

(1) Penalties for violations of title 10, chapter 4 shall be as stated in section 10-4-~~47~~**48**.

(2) The amount set by order of the Supreme Court of Virginia, pursuant to Code of Virginia, § 16.1-69.40:1, as amended, for a violation of subsection (a) of section 10-3-1242, "Parking in spaces reserved for persons with a disability;"

(3) ~~Forty~~ **Fifty-five** dollars for a violation of section 9-12-162, "Use of locations other than designated parking spaces by sight-seeing buses;"

(4) ~~Forty~~ **Fifty-five** dollars for a violation of section 9-12-163, "Use of parking spaces designated for use by sight-seeing buses by other vehicles;

(5) ~~Forty~~ **Fifty-five** dollars for a violation of section 9-12-164, "Use of designated spaces by sight-seeing buses;"

(b) If payment is not tendered to the director of finance with 30 calendar days of the date the citation is issued, a penalty of $25.00 in addition to the penalty imposed by subsection (a) for the violation for which the citation was issued; provided, that, in the event the 30th calendar day from the date the citation is issued is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, such additional penalty shall not be imposed if payment is tendered in the amount required by subsection (a) on the next succeeding business day; provided further, that if payment is remitted to the director of finance in a sealed envelope bearing a postmark on or before midnight of the 30th calendar day from the date the citation is issued, no such additional penalty shall be imposed; and provided further, that the director of finance may waive such additional penalty, even though payment has not been tendered or mailed within 30 calendar days of the date the citation was issued, whenever the owner of the vehicle identified in the citation establishes any of the following to the satisfaction of the director:

(1) that the owner did not find the citation at the time of its issuance on the owner's vehicle and only learned of the citation after the day on which it was issued, and has tendered the required payment with 30 days of first learning of the citation;
(2) that, within 30 days after the issuance of the citation or, if later, after first learning of the citation, the owner has made a written request to the director for information concerning the citation, and has tendered the required payment within 30 days of the director's response; or
(3) that the owner was medically incapable of making the required payment within 30 calendar days of the date the citation was issued.

(c) In addition to the fees and charges imposed pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) hereof, upon collection the director of finance shall impose on each person chargeable with a delinquent parking citation fees to cover the administrative costs and reasonable attorney's or collection agency fees actually contracted for. The attorney's or collection agency's fees shall not exceed 20 percent of charges collected. The administrative costs shall not exceed $30.00 for any amount collected subsequent to 30 days or more after notice of a delinquent parking citation is provided by the director of finance but prior to taking judgment and shall not exceed $35.00 for any amount collected subsequent to judgment.

Section 2. That Section 10-4-48 of Chapter 4 of Title 10 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:

Sec. 10-4-48 Penalties for violations of this chapter.

The penalty for violation of provisions regarding parking, standing, or stopping of vehicle in this chapter that are not contested and tendered to the director of finance within 30 days from the date the citation was issued shall be ~~$40.00~~ **$55** unless otherwise provided by this section, the city code, state law, or other provisions of law.

The penalties for the below violations that are not contested and tendered to the director of finance within 30 days from the date the citation was issued shall be as follows:

(1) For violations of section 10-4-46, "Parking heavy vehicles in commercial business areas":
a. One hundred dollars for the first violation,
b. Two hundred fifty dollars for the second violation, and
c. Three hundred fifty dollars for the third and any subsequent violation, upon the fourth and any subsequent violation the vehicle may be immobilized, in accordance with the process set forth in section 3-2-355, or be removed for safekeeping, in accordance with the process set forth in Article C, Chapter 8, Title 5; Notwithstanding any other section of the City Code, referenced or otherwise, penalties of this section may escalate and ultimately may include immobilization or removal whether or not the previous penalty fines have been paid.

(2) The amount set by order of the Supreme Court of Virginia, pursuant to section 16.1-69.40:1 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, for a violation of section 10-4-41, "Parking prohibited at certain locations";

(3) The amount set by order of the Supreme Court of Virginia, pursuant to section 16.1-69.40:1 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, for a violation of section 10-4-42, "Parking prohibited near fire hydrant, etc.";

(4) Two hundred dollars for violations of section 10-4-44, "Parking prohibited in HOV lane."

Section 3. That Section 3-2-354, as amended pursuant to Section 1 of this ordinance, and Section 10-4-48, as amended pursuant to Section 2 of this ordinance, be, and the same hereby is, reordained as part of the Code of the City of Alexandria.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 2026.

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ALYIA GASKINS
Mayor

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