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INFORMATION ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Title

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Articles I (GENERAL REGULATIONS), II (DEFINITIONS), III (RESIDENTIAL ZONE REGULATIONS), IV (COMMERCIAL, OFFICE AND INDUSTRIAL ZONES), V (MIXED USE ZONES), VI (SPECIAL AND OVERLAY ZONES), VII (SUPPLEMENTAL ZONE REGULATIONS), VIII (OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING), IX (SIGNS), XI (DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS AND PROCEDURES), XII (NONCOMPLIANCE AND NONCONFORMITY), and XIII (ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2023-00007.

Summary

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Text Amendment No. 2023-00007 to adopt the following zoning for housing/housing for all amendments: (1) Expanding Housing Opportunities in Single-family Zones: amend the R-20, R-12, R-8, R-5, and R-2-5 zones to increase the number of housing units permitted; amend lot and yard requirements in the R-2-5 zone for two-unit dwellings; amend Article VIII to reduce minimum parking requirements, and amend Article XII to exempt lots developed with small scale multi-unit dwellings from site plan requirements; amend the limitation on occupancy limits per unit to allow the same number of occupants allowed by the building code; and delete "roominghouse" definition and regulations. (2) Industrial Zone: add standards for ground floor uses and limitations on locations of vehicular entrances and parking and loading spaces. (3) Residential Multifamily Zone: allow neighborhood-serving commercial uses as permitted and special uses. (4) Historic Development Patterns: in all zones that allow multi-unit dwellings, amend yard and open space requirements for multi-unit uses, delete maximum dwelling units per acre and minimum lot size requirements for multi-unit uses, and delete zone transition setback requirement and require compliance only with other supplemental yard and setback regulations. (5) Townhouses: amend yard, bulk, and open space requirements for single-unit, two-unit, and townhouse dwellings in all zones that allow townhouses; amend lot requirements in the CL, CC, CSL, CG, CD-X, OC, OCM-50, OCM-100, OCH, CRMU-L, CRMU-M, CRMU-H, CRMU-X, and W-1 zones for two-unit dwellings; delete noncomplying provisions in the RA, RB, and RM zones; and create new provisions that allow RM development rights to single-unit, two-unit, and townhouse dwellings on certain lots outside of the RM zone.

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Authority

§§ 2.04(w), 9.12, Alexandria City Charter
§ 11-800, City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance

Estimated Costs of Implementation

None

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

None