

ORDINANCE NO. 5202

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE to amend and reordain 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, by amending Section 5-8-84 (PAY BY PHONE PARKING FEE WITHIN A RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING DISTRICT).

WHEREAS, the second reading, public hearing, and consideration for final passage of an ordinance to continue the Residential Pay by Phone Parking Fee has been delayed until March 16, 2019, and

WHEREAS, the ordinance will expire on March 1, 2019 unless action is taken by City Council, and

WHEREAS The City Council finds and determines that an emergency exists by virtue of the fact that expiration of the program would abruptly suspend parking enforcement during the interim period. This would disrupt the pattern of use that has developed during the pilot program and create a discrepancy between existing traffic controls and the City Code, causing confusion among residents and visitors with respect to parking regulations. Now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Title 5, Chapter 8, Article F, Section 5-8-84 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended by deleting the language shown in strikethrough and adding the language shown as underlined as follows:

Sec. 5-8-84 –Pay By Phone Parking Fee within a Residential Permit Parking District.

(a) Purpose: On residential blocks adjacent to metered areas, which are often occupied by vehicles belonging to non-residents of the district, a pay by phone parking fee may be implemented that requires non-residents of the district to pay to park on the block during the posted times. The provisions of this Section shall expire on March ~~1~~23, 2019.

(b) Parking restrictions: Residential blocks with a pay by phone parking fee shall prohibit parking in designated areas by motor vehicles which do not display a valid parking permit for that district or have not submitted appropriate payment through either the pay by phone application referenced on the posted signage or a City parking meter.

(1) The hourly parking fee shall be consistent with the cost of a meter as established in Section 5-8-93.

(2) The hours during which a parking fee is applicable shall be consistent with the existing posted hours of restriction. Changes to the posted hours shall be reviewed by the traffic and parking board pursuant to section 5-8-72(b).

(c) Establishment: A pay by phone parking fee may be added to certain designated residential permit parking district blocks in accordance with the following criteria and procedures:

(1) The area subject to parking fee must be on a block with existing metered spaces, adjacent to an existing metered block, or adjacent to a block where a residential pay by phone parking fee has also been approved.

(2) The block must be located within the Special Parking District Area.

(3) The area subject to parking fee must already be posted with residential parking restrictions.

(4) The request to add a pay by phone parking fee must be initiated by the residents of the block through a petition signed by more than 50 percent of the residents-of the block and submitted to the city manager.

(5) Upon receipt of a petition for a block meeting the criteria established above, the city manager shall direct staff to conduct a survey of the parking conditions on the block. The survey shall be taken during the hours of the existing residential parking restrictions. If staff observes that 75% or more of the available parking spaces on the block are occupied, the city manager shall forward the request to the traffic and parking board for its review and recommendation at a public hearing.

(6) If less than 75% of the available spaces are occupied, additional surveys may be made at other times of the day. If the surveys do not so demonstrate, the petition shall be deemed denied and no further action will be taken.

(7) Following the board's recommendation, the manager shall decide the petition and cause his decision to be implemented; provided that in the event the manager decides not to adopt the recommendation of the board or, whether or not in accord with the recommendation of the board, decides to deny the petition, he shall forward the petition, along with the board's recommendation and the reasons for his decision to city council which shall make the final decision on the petition.

Section 2. That Title 5, Chapter 8, Article F, Section 5-8-84, 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.

JUSTIN WILSON
Mayor

Final Passage: February 23, 2019