

ORDINANCE NO. 5243

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain 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, by amending Section 10-4-8 (PARKING FOR MORE THAN 72 CONTINUOUS HOURS).

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Title 10, Chapter 4, Section 10-4-8 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. 10-4-8 – Parking for more than 72 Continuous Hours.**

Unless otherwise controlled by an official sign, the parking of any vehicle in the same place on the streets of the city for more than 72 hours is prohibited; provided that this prohibition shall not apply to the parking of a vehicle in the same place on the streets of the city on Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays, or any vehicle granted a 72-hour parking rule exemption as provided in section 10-4-8(a).

- (a) *Exemption.* A 72-hour parking rule exemption may be provided to residents by the Alexandria Police Department in coordination with the department of transportation and environmental services pursuant to the regulations detailed in [subsection] (b). If granted, a 72-hour parking rule exemption will not supersede any posted signage. All hourly restrictions otherwise applicable to a parked vehicle remain subject to enforcement. ~~The provisions of subsections (a) and (b) shall expire on November 1, 2019.~~
- (b) *Exemption regulations.*
  - (1) Exemptions shall only be granted to vehicles registered with the City of Alexandria.
  - (2) Exemptions may not be transferred between vehicles.
  - (3) Each exemption may be granted for a maximum of two weeks.
  - (4) Vehicles may be granted a maximum of ~~four~~ five exemptions per year.
  - (5) Vehicles may not be granted contiguous exemptions.
  - (6) Vehicles will only be permitted to park within one-eighth mile of their place of residence. Vehicles granted exemptions found parking beyond this maximum radius will be subject to enforcement.
  - (7) The department of transportation and environmental services and the Alexandria Police Department retain the right to move and store vehicles when necessary due to street maintenance, in cases of emergency, or as otherwise provided by law.

Section 2. Title 10, Chapter 4, Section 10-4-8, 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 M. WILSON**  
Mayor

ATTEST:



Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk

Final Passage: September 14, 2019



Attachment 3

# 72-hour Rule Exemption Evaluation Questionnaire

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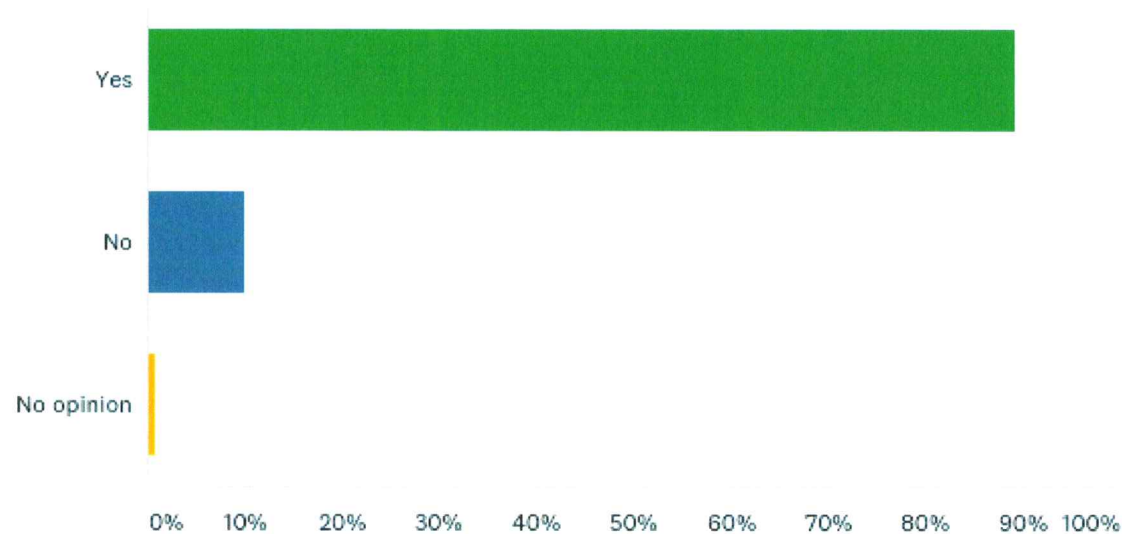
**800**

**Total Responses**

Open Friday, May 3 through Sunday, May 19

## Q1: Do you support the City allowing exemptions to the 72-hour rule for residents through an online application?

Answered: 794 Skipped: 6



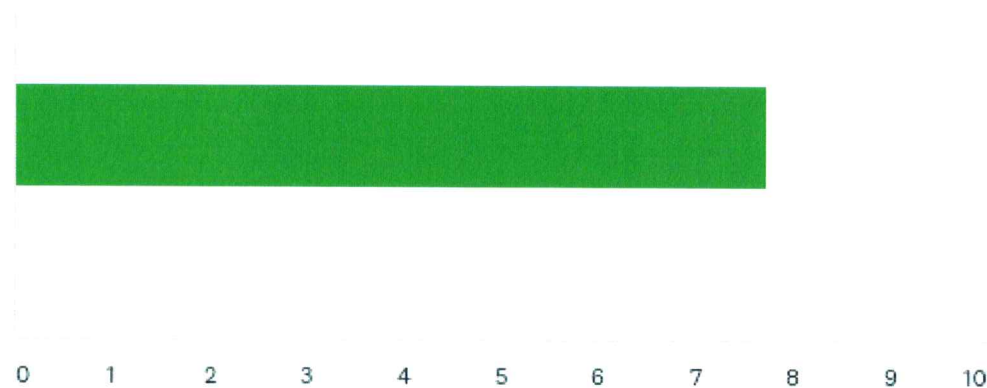
**Q1: Do you support the City allowing exemptions to the 72-hour rule for residents through an online application?**

Answered: 794    Skipped: 6

ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		89.29%	709
No		9.95%	79
No opinion		0.76%	6
TOTAL			794

**Q2: Under the pilot program, vehicles are eligible for up to four exemptions from the 72-hour rule in a calendar year. How many exemptions in a calendar year do you think should be allowed per vehicle?**

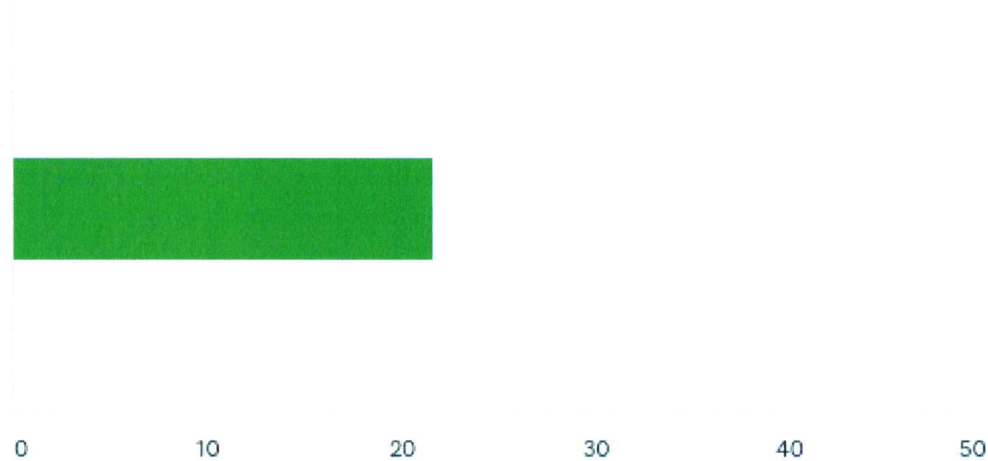
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**Q3: Under the pilot program, vehicles are eligible for exemptions to park on the street for up to 14 days. How many days of parking do you think exemptions should allow?**

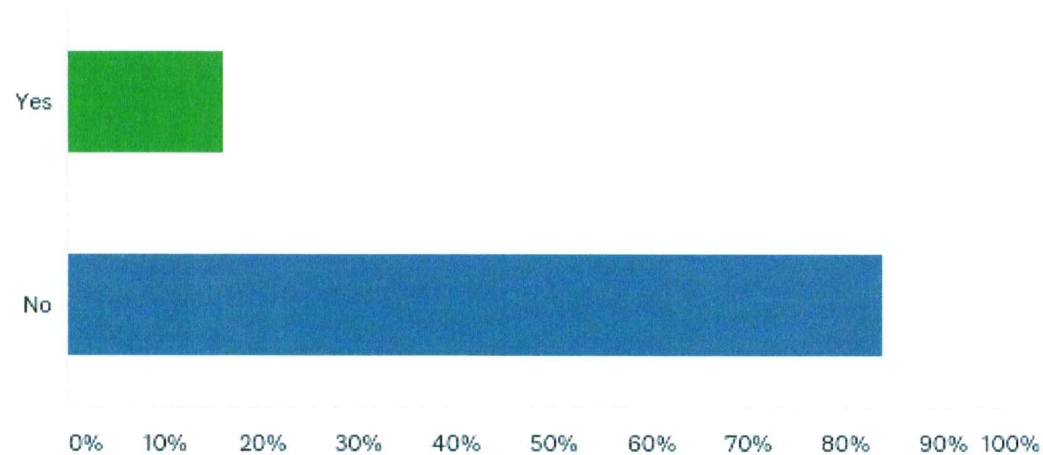
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## Q4: Have you applied for a 72-hour exemption?

Answered: 781 Skipped: 19



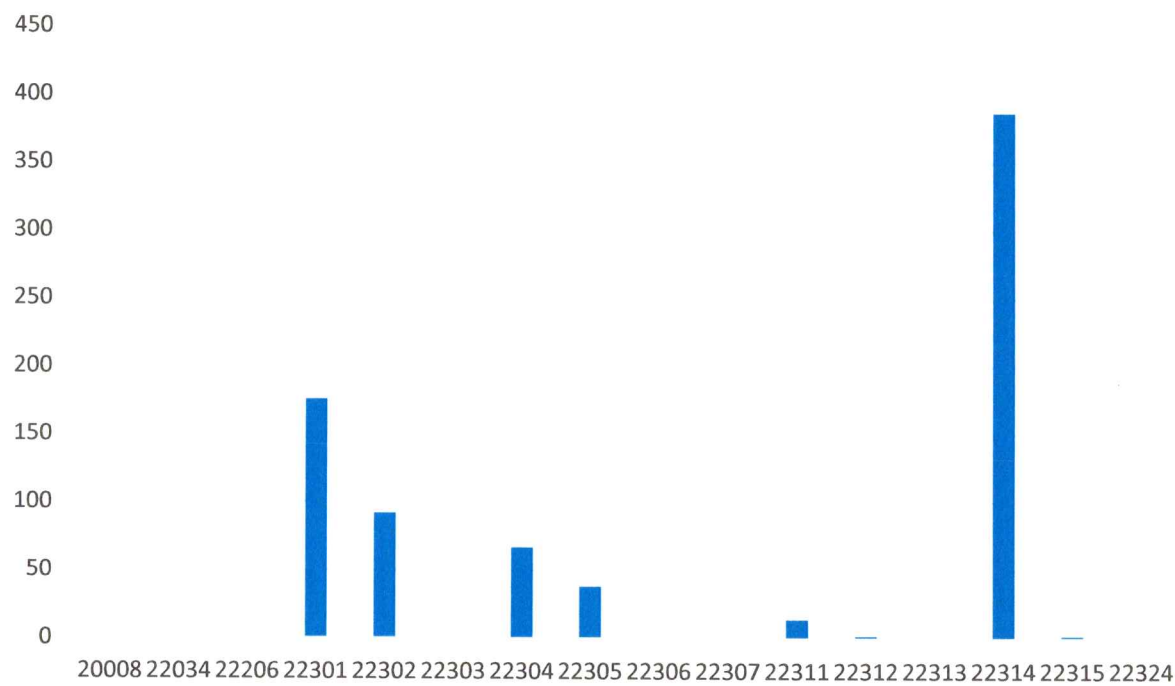
# Q4: Have you applied for a 72-hour exemption?

Answered: 781   Skipped: 19

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	16.13%	126
No	83.87%	655
TOTAL		781

# Q5: Please provide your zip code

Answered: 786 Skipped: 14



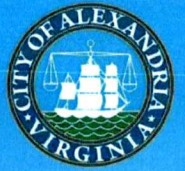
# City Code Amendment to continue the 72-hour Rule Exemption

September 10, 2019





# Purpose



- Consider an amendment to the City Code to allow the 72-hour rule exemption to be permanent
  - Currently a pilot program with a November 2019 expiration date
- No changes to the 72-hour rule with this amendment



# Background



- January-April 2017 – Comprehensive review of 72-hour rule to determine if it should be eliminated or modified
- May 2017 – City Council approved keeping the rule, but creating a pilot program to allow exemptions
- May-July 2019 – Evaluation of pilot program only
- July 22, 2019 – Public Hearing at Traffic and Parking Board
  - Board recommended making the exemption permanent with recommended modifications
- November 1, 2019 – Pilot program expiration date

# Evaluation



- **Community feedback:** through an online questionnaire (800 responses)
- **Exemption usage:** review of approved exemptions during pilot program
- **Enforcement:** through feedback provided by Parking Enforcement Officers



# Staff Recommendation



- Remove November 1, 2019 expiration on 72-hour rule exemption to allow it to become a permanent program with the following modifications:
  - Increase the allowed number of exemptions per year from 4 to 5
  - Maintain the existing exemption duration of 14 days