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INFORMATION ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Title

AN 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.

Summary

This ordinance is a comprehensive update to the City Code provision governing residential permit parking districts. The purpose of this amendment is to better address current residential parking issues, improve the City's ability to proactively manage parking, and make understanding, enforcing and administering the standards more straightforward for citizens and staff. A brief overview of the changes is provided below:

Posted parking restrictions (City Code 5-8-72(b)(1)) – This section has been updated to limit residential permit parking end time options on most blocks to either 5:00 PM or 11:00 PM, while allowing a 2:00 AM end time on blocks where it is deemed appropriate by the Director of Transportation and Environmental Services.

Process for creation of new residential permit parking districts (City Code 5-8-73(b)) – This section has been updated to add a process for creating new residential permit parking districts near transit or in areas with documented parking issues.

Removal of occupancy survey requirement for residential permit parking signage changes (City Code 5-8-75) – This section has been updated by removing the occupancy survey requirement for residential permit parking signage to be posted on blocks already within a residential permit parking district and maintains the petition requirement to initiate the request.

Administrative changes – This section has been updated to make administrative changes including changes that:

- i) amend language clarifying parties that are eligible to sign petitions pertaining to residential permit parking (City Code 5-8-75(b)-(c), 5-8-76(b)-(c), 5-8-82(c)(4), 5-8-83(c)(1), and 5-8-84(b)(4));
- ii) allow the Traffic and Parking Board to approve the expansion of a residential permit parking district rather than City Council (City Code 5-8-74(a));
- iii) allow the Director of Transportation and Environmental Services to designate blocks which abut two districts with parking restrictions as areas where holders of either abutting district permits are exempt from the parking restrictions (City Code 5-8-73(f));
- iv) require the same residential permit parking restrictions on both sides of a block, where residential permit parking restrictions exist on both sides by updating several references throughout the Article from "block face" to "block;" and
- v) allow the Director of Transportation and Environmental Services to recommend

changes to the permit parking district map to clarify boundary lines, resolve administrative irregularities, or remove non-residential properties with no residential uses from existing permit parking areas to the Traffic and Parking Board (City Code 5-8-74(b)).

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§ 2.03(a) and 2.04(g) Alexandria City Charter

Estimated Costs of Implementation

None

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

Docket Memorandum