

# Ordinance No. 1005

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE to amend and reordain subsection (c), Section 35-58, Article IX, Chapter 35 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1953, as amended, which subsection (c) relates to SIZE OF SIGNS, which Section 35-58 relates to SIGNS IN COMMERCIAL ZONES, which Article IX relates to SIGNS GENERALLY, and which Chapter 35 relates to ZONING.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to due and timely notice of the time and place of hearing published in a daily paper of general circulation published in the City of Alexandria, Virginia, a public hearing was held in relation to the matters hereinafter set forth, at which public hearing parties in interest and citizens had an opportunity to be heard.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That subsection (c), Section 35-58, Article IX, Chapter 35 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1953, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

- (c) Where drive-in service or parking is provided leaving a distance between the building structures and the building line or a building is set back 25 feet or more from the building line, one free standing sign shall be permitted per building or building unit facing each street, no signs other than those indicated on the sign application shall be attached to a free standing sign. Where signs are erected as free standing signs upon the lot, the total area of all signs shall not exceed two square feet for each foot of lot frontage nor a total of one hundred and fifty square feet, except where the street frontage of a lot is in excess of 300 feet, the area of a sign may be increased only with a special use permit as provided in Article X, Chapter 35 of this Code; and provided that free standing signs shall not be less than 10 feet nor more than 25 feet above grade and may project not more than four feet beyond front property line. Signs may be increased in height one foot and increased in area ten feet for each ten feet in excess of required setback from any property line only with special use permit as provided in Article X, Chapter 35 of this Code.

Identification signs for shopping centers, consisting of five or more separate businesses and having a continuous street frontage of at least 200 feet shall not exceed one square foot for each lineal foot of lot frontage nor exceed in area that allowed in the paragraph just above, facing a street, alley or parking lot. This area is in addition to sign areas permitted for the individual businesses.

Section 2. That in the opinion of Council an emergency exists and this ordinance is hereby declared "AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE" for the reason that any further delay in considering this change may result in unnecessary hardship to merchants advertising in the City through the medium of signs.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City not later than five days following its introduction together with a notice containing the time and place for a public hearing. The Clerk of the Council shall note the date of introduction and first reading, the date of publication, the date of the public hearing, and the date of the second reading and final passage in the minutes of the meeting. This ordinance shall become effective the date of its final passage.

LEROY S. BENDHEIM  
Mayor

Final Passage: November 12, 1958