

AN ORDINANCE to amend Chapter 29 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, by adding thereto a new section numbered 29-2.1; which Chapter 29 relates to SIGNS, MARQUEES AND AWNINGS, and which new section numbered 29-2.1 relates to POLITICAL SIGNS.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Chapter 29 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended by adding thereto a new section numbered 29-2.1 to read as follows:

Sec. 29-2.1. Political Signs.

(a) Any person desiring to post or erect any political sign including but not limited to signs advertising a political party or the candidacy of any individual for any nomination or office, on any public street or on the exterior of any public place in the city, shall, in addition to obtaining the permit required by Section 29-2 of this Article, first deposit with the city manager or his authorized representative a cash bond in the amount of \$100.00, which bond shall be conditioned upon removal of each and every such sign within fifteen (15) days after the announced results of the nomination, election or referendum to which the sign pertains. If such removal is not made within the specified time, the bond shall be forfeited to the city, and may be used by the city to defray the cost of removing such signs.

(b) No political sign may be posted or erected on any public street or other public place in the city more than ninety (90) days prior to the nomination, election or referendum to which it pertains.

(c) Successful candidates in primary elections may continue to display their signs during the interval between the primary and general election without posting any additional bond, except where the provisions of subsection (b) above would be violated.

(d) The bond forfeiture provided for in this section shall not be construed to preclude the applicability of Section 29-19 which provides the penalty for violation of this Article.

(e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize the posting of political signs upon any trees or upon any traffic control sign, light or device, or in any place or manner prohibited by this Chapter.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation published 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.

Charles E. Beatley, Jr.
Mayor