

## ORDINANCE NO. 104

**AN ORDINANCE Regulating the Use of Lands in the City of Alexandria, Virginia, Pending the Adoption of a Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance for said City and Prescribing Penalties for Violation Hereof.**

WHEREAS it is the desire and purpose of the City Council of Alexandria, Virginia, to regulate the locations of trades and industries within the City; to limit the height and bulk of buildings erected therein; to prevent the over-crowding of land and avoid undue congestion of population and public highways; to protect and stabilize property values, and in general to promote the public health, prosperity, safety and welfare, by the adoption of an Ordinance dividing the area of the City into districts, and prescribing such suitable, appropriate and reasonable restrictions and regulations for the use of the property therein as may be necessary for said purposes, and

WHEREAS to carry out said purposes, at the request of the City Council, a Zoning Commission has been appointed by the Corporation Court of the City of Alexandria pursuant to the Acts of the General Assembly of Virginia in such cases made and provided, and

WHEREAS it is deemed to be the best interest of the public health, prosperity, safety and welfare to so regulate the use of the lands within the City of Alexandria pending the final adoption of a zoning ordinance for the City so as to conform with the general plan now under consideration by said Zoning Commission.

THEREFORE, Be It Ordained by the City Council of Alexandria, Virginia:

SECTION 1. No permit for any construction other than a single dwelling and accessories thereto shall be issued by the City Council of Alexandria, without the application for such building permit being first referred to the Zoning and Planning Commission for consideration and recommendation to the Council.

SECTION 2. No existing building within the City not now lawfully used for business purposes shall be altered, remodeled, or converted for business purposes without a permit from the City Council of Alexandria and no such permit shall be issued without the application for same being referred to the Zoning and Planning Commission for consideration and recommendation to the Council.

SECTION 3. That any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00), nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), or imprisonment in the City jail for a term not exceeding sixty days or both, such fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court; and providing further that each day of any such unauthorized use and occupancy of any lands, within the City shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Approved this 15th day of January, 1931.

CARROLL PIERCE, Mayor.