

Ordinance No. 1246

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 32A-2, 32A-6 and 32A-7, and to amend the last paragraph of Section 32A-5, all of Chapter 32A of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1953, as amended, which Chapter 32A relates to TREES, SHRUBS, PLANTS AND VEGETATION, which Section 32A-2 relates to PERMIT TO PLANT, REMOVE, ETC., IN PUBLIC PLACES REQUIRED, which Section 32A-5 relates to PERMITTED TREES, which Section 32A-6 relates to MASTER PLAN, and which Section 32A-7 relates to RESPONSIBILITY OF DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION FOR PLANTING, TRIMMING, REMOVAL, ETC.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 32A-2 of Chapter 32A 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:

**Sec. 32A-2. Permit to plant, remove, etc., in public places
----- Required.**

It shall be unlawful for any person, except the director of parks and recreation, or his duly authorized representative, to plant, trim or prune any tree, shrub, plant or vegetation on or to remove any tree, shrub, plant or vegetation from any dedicated street, alley or highway, public right of way or easement, public land lying between property lines on either side of a public street, highway or alley, public parking strip, public street, sidewalk or divider, public median strip or planting strip, or other land or public place owned by the city, except public school sites, without first applying for and obtaining a permit from the director of parks and recreation; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall prohibit the trimming or cutting of grass in the public right of way.

Section 2. That the last paragraph of Section 32A-5 of Chapter 32A of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1953, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

SHRUBS, VEGETATION AND EXCEPTIONS

Any shrub under thirty inches in height which does not and is not likely to obscure vision.

Standard lawn or park grass.

No permit shall be issued for and it shall be unlawful to plant a tree in any place designated in Section 32A-2 of this chapter unless there is at least one foot of unobstructed earth extending from the tree trunk on all sides.

The director of parks and recreation, or his duly authorized repre-

sentative, may plant trees and shrubs not permitted above in parks only.

Section 3. That Section 32A-6 of Chapter 32A 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:

Sec. 32A-6. Master plan.

The director of parks and recreation, in order to promote an orderly, attractive, economical and nuisance-free planting system for the city, may within the funds at his disposal, devise, place in force and carry out a master tree, shrub, plant and vegetation plan for all or any portion of the public places within the city, except public school sites.

Section 4. That Section 32A-7 of Chapter 32A 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:

Sec. 32A-7. Responsibility of director of parks and recreation for planting, trimming, removal, etc.

The director of parks and recreation, under the city manager, shall be responsible for the planting, trimming, removal and care of trees, shrubs, plants or other vegetation in all public places in the city, except public school sites, and he or his duly authorized representative is hereby authorized to trim, prune, spray, water, cultivate, maintain, plant or remove trees, shrubs, plants or other vegetation in such places subject to the restrictions of this chapter.

Section 5. 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.

FRANK E. MANN
Mayor

Final Passage: Nov. 26, 1963