

Ordinance No. 1342

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE to amend Chapter 42 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, by adding thereto a new article numbered V-B; which Chapter 42 relates to ZONING and which new article numbered V-B relates to TEMPORARY OFF-STREET PARKING AREA AND PARKING LOTS IN RA, RB, RC AND RM ZONES IN CONNECTION WITH URBAN RENEWAL (REDEVELOPMENT) PROJECTS.

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 Chapter 42 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended by adding thereto a new article numbered V-B to read as follows:

ARTICLE V-B. Temporary Off-Street Parking Area and Parking Lots in RA, RB, RC and RM Zones in Connection with Urban Renewal (Redevelopment) Projects.

Sec. 42-31.1. Temporary Off-street parking areas and parking lots permitted.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Article V-A of this Code, temporary parking areas or parking lots for use by the general public shall be permitted in the RA, RB, RC and RM residence zones; provided, that the requirements and standards set forth in section 42-31.2 of this Code are complied with.

Sec. 42-31.2. Requirements and standards.

Temporary off-street parking areas or lots in the RA, RB, RC and RM residence zones shall comply with the following requirements and standards:

- (a) Permission of the city council shall be first obtained.
- (b) No permission shall be granted by the council for any area or lot unless the council first finds that such area or lot is needed because of a loss of parking due to the construction of an Urban Renewal (Redevelopment) Project.
- (c) No parking area or lot shall be used as such for a period in excess of one year from the date the area or lot is first opened for use, unless the Council extends the period, which it may do only after conducting a public hearing and finding that such area or lot is still temporarily needed because of a loss of parking due to the construction of an Urban Renewal (Redevelopment) Project.
- (d) Any unattended parking area or lot shall contain at least three-hundred square feet of parking space per vehicle including driveways and aisles, and all parking spaces shall be clearly marked or defined.

(e) The parking area or lot shall be surfaced with a dust-free material which shall be graded and drained to the satis-

faction of the Director of the Department of Public Works.

(f) No signs shall be located on any such parking lot, except behind the established building setback line and at entrances and exits. Any such signs may state no more than the use of the premises, the name of the operator, the hours of operation, the price and the means of egress and ingress, but shall state the price and the name of the operator or owner of the lot.

(g) Barrier-type curbs or appropriate guards in accordance with specifications of the department of public works shall be placed in, on or around the parking area or lot where specified by the Director of Traffic for the protection of the public welfare.

(h) Any lighting used to illuminate any parking lot or area shall be so arranged as to reflect the light away from the adjoining or nearby premises and shall be focused in a manner so as not to offer a hazard to the traveling public.

(i) No parking area or lot shall be used for the parking of commercial vehicles, trucks, taxicabs or busses.

(j) No activity other than the parking of motor vehicles shall be allowed on any such area or lot.

(k) All structures used in the operation of any parking area or lot, except walls, fences, barricades, light poles and signs shall be set back at least ten feet from the established building setback line, and any attendant's booth shall be located at a place designated by the Director of Traffic.

(l) Parking areas and lots shall not be operated before 7:00 A.M., nor after 10:00 P.M.

(m) No parking area or lot shall allow, permit or have an open accumulation of garbage, trash or miscellaneous refuse on the premises, and suitable receptacles for the depositing of trash and miscellaneous refuse shall be kept on the premises at easily accessible places.

(n) The vision clearance required by Section 42-25 of this Code shall be maintained at all times.

(o) The location of all entrances and exits shall be designated by the Director of Traffic under the City Manager.

Section 2. That this ordinance is declared an EMERGENCY ORDINANCE as temporary parking will be badly needed to replace parking that will be lost due to current Urban Renewal (Redevelopment) Projects and the delay of the regular zoning process may cause a serious parking problem.

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.

FRANK E. MANN
Mayor

Final Passage: June 22, 1965