

ORDINANCE NO. 2039

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 42-27 by adding thereto a new subsection lettered (a.1) and to amend and reordain subsection (b) of Section 42-27, all of Article V, Chapter 42 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended; which Chapter 42 relates to ZONING, which Article V relates to OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING GENERALLY, which Section 42-27 relates to OFF-STREET PARKING GENERALLY, which new subsection (a.1) relates to COMPACT CAR PARKING SPACES and which subsection (b) relates to SIZE OF PARKING SPACES; AISLE WIDTH.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 42-27, Article V, 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 subsection (a.1) to read as follows:

(a.1) Parking areas or parking lots for 25 or more required off-street parking spaces shall provide 30 percent of the required parking spaces as compact car parking spaces. Each compact car parking space shall be adequately signed to indicate the intended use and shall be provided as close as possible to the entrance of the lot or structures in which they are provided; except that any parking area or parking lot for which a preliminary site plan has been submitted to the director of planning on or before June 24, 1975 shall be treated as an existing parking area or parking lot as specified below.

Non-structured surface parking areas or parking lots in existence on June 24, 1975, may be restriped for compact car parking spaces in conformance with these regulations; provided compliance with Section 30-9(g)(5) of this Code, except for the setback requirement for a parking lot abutting a public road or sidewalk, is demonstrated to the director of planning. If the director determines that Section 30-9(g)(5) has not been complied with, said non-structured surface parking areas or parking lots may be restriped for compact car parking spaces only if a site plan has been submitted and approved in accordance with Chapter 30 of this Code.

Structured parking areas or structured parking lots in existence on June 24, 1975, may be restriped for compact car parking spaces in conformance with these regulations without the necessity of complying with Section 30-9(g)(5) of this Code.

Structured or non-structured parking areas or parking lots in existence on June 24, 1975, that are not restriped for compact car parking spaces as provided for in this subsection shall not be deemed nonconforming.

For purposes of this section, a compact car shall mean an automotive vehicle having a width of less than 6 feet and a length of less than 16 feet.

The parking of vehicles other than compact cars, as defined above, in compact car parking spaces provided for by this subsection is hereby prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any owner or operator of parking areas or parking lots with compact car parking spaces striped in conformance with these regulations to permit any person to park any vehicle other than a compact car in a compact car parking space.

Section 2. That subsection (b), Section 42-27, Article V, Chapter 42 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1963, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

(b) Each required parking space shall be no less than twenty feet in length and nine feet in width, except that each required compact car parking space shall be no less than sixteen feet in length and eight feet in width for compact car parking spaces, exclusive of driveways and aisles.

Aisles with two-way traffic movement shall be no less than twenty-two feet in width, except where 45 and 60 degree parking is provided, then said aisles shall be no less than twenty feet in width, or as much additional width as may be required for access of emergency vehicles. Aisles with one-way traffic movement shall be as follows:

(1) Aisles serving ninety degree parking shall be no less than twenty-two feet in width.

(2) Aisles serving forty-five degree or sixty degree parking shall be no less than sixteen feet in width or as much additional width as may be required for access of emergency vehicles.

(3) Aisles serving parallel parking and located immediately adjacent to buildings shall be no less than sixteen feet in width. All other aisles serving parallel parking shall be twelve feet in width or as much additional width as may be required for access of emergency vehicles on curvilinear streets.

(4) Each parking space shall be separated with proper striping, or other designation, approved by the department of planning and regional affairs.

The driveways and parking spaces required by this section shall be smoothly graded, adequately drained and constructed with suitable subgrade, base and surfacing to be durable under the use and maintenance contemplated and so that they can be reasonably used for off-street parking facilities. Any grade transition shall be designed and constructed to prevent undercarriage and bumper guards from dragging. Such parking facilities shall be properly maintained and aisles shall remain open and free for traffic flow.

Section 3. That the title of and an informal memorandum explaining 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 city clerk shall have the full text of this ordinance printed in sufficient numbers to supply copies to meet request. The city clerk 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

Final Passage: June 24, 1975