

ORDINANCE NO. 2654

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain subsection (b), Section 42-27, 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 and which subsection (b) relates to SIZES OF PARKING SPACES AND WIDTHS OF AISLES.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. 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 20 feet in length and nine (9) feet in width, except that each required compact car parking space shall be no less than 16 feet in length and eight (8) feet in width for compact car parking spaces, exclusive of driveways and aisles; provided, however, that parking spaces parallel to driveways and aisles shall be not less than 22 feet in length and eight (8) feet in width for standard cars and 18 feet in length and seven (7) feet in width for compact cars.

Aisles with two-way traffic movement shall be no less than 22 feet in width, except where 45- and 60-degree parking is provided, then said aisles shall be no less than 20 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 90-degree parking shall be no less than 22 feet in width, except that where parking on both sides of the aisle is for compact cars, the aisle shall be no less than 20 feet in width unless in special circumstances, the director of transportation and environmental services and the fire marshal shall approve in writing a reduction in the 20-foot width by not more than two (2) feet for an aisle serving not more than 30 parking spaces.

(2) Aisles serving 45- or 60-degree parking shall be no less than 16 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 16 feet in width. All other aisles serving parallel parking shall be 12 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 community development.

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 2. 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: February 20, 1982