

ORDINANCE NO. 2842

AN ORDINANCE to repeal Section 7-6-225 and to amend by adding a new section numbered 7-6-225.1; to amend and reordain subsection (a), Section 7-6-227, Article M, Chapter 6, Title 7 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended; which Title 7 relates to PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT, which Chapter 6 relates to ZONING, which Article M relates to OLD AND HISTORIC ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT, which Section 7-6-225 relates to BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW--CREATION; COMPOSITION; APPOINTMENT, TERM AND REMOVAL OF MEMBERS; VACANCIES, which Section 7-6-225.1 relates to BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW--CREATION; COMPOSITION; APPOINTMENT, TERM AND REMOVAL OF MEMBER; VACANCIES, which Section 7-6-227 relates to SAME--PROCEDURE FOR MEETINGS and which subsection (a) relates to MEETINGS OF BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 7-6-225, Article M, Chapter 6, Title 7 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be and the same hereby is repealed.

Section 2. That Article M, Chapter 6, Title 7 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended by adding a new section numbered 7-6-225.1 to read as follows:

Sec. 7-6-225.1. Board of architectural review--Creation; composition; appointment, term and removal of members; vacancies.

There is hereby established a board to be known as the "board of architectural review" to be composed of seven (7) members who are residents of the city and have resided in the city at least one (1) year immediately preceding their appointment, unless said residency requirements are waived by the city council pursuant to section 2-4-7 of the city code. Two (2) members shall be architects who shall have no interest in any project subject to board of architectural review while serving on the board. The members shall be appointed by the city council. Of the members first appointed, two (2) shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year, two (2) shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years each and three (3) shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years each. Thereafter, members shall be appointed for terms of three (3) years each. The term of each member appointed shall run from July 1 of the year of appointment. Any vacancy shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term. Any member of the board may be removed by the city council for cause after being given a written statement of the cause and an opportunity to be heard thereon.

Section 3. That subsection (a), Section 7-6-227, Article M, Chapter 6, Title 7 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained to read as follows:

(a) The chairman shall conduct the meetings of the board of architectural review. The secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings and a permanent record of all resolutions, motions, transactions and determinations. All members of the board shall be entitled to vote, and the decisions of the board shall be determined by a majority vote. A quorum of four (4) members present is required before the board may take any official action. The board shall meet within 30 days after an application for a certificate of appropriateness or permit requiring action by the board has been received by the building inspector. The meetings of the board shall be open to the public, and a full and impartial hearing shall be granted. When voting on any question, the determination shall be made by majority vote, but no proxy shall be allowed at any time. The board shall vote and announce its decision on any matter properly before it not later than 14 days after the conclusion of the public hearing on the matter unless the time is extended by mutual agreement between the board and the applicant.

Section 4. 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 September 13, 1983.

CHARLES E. BEATLEY, JR.
Mayor

Final Passage: July 13, 1983