

ORDINANCE NO. 3157

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain 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; PARKER-GRAY DISTRICT and which Section 7-6-227 relates to SAME--PROCEDURE FOR MEETINGS.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That 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:

Sec. 7-6-227. Same--Procedure for meetings.

(a) The chairman of each panel of the board of architectural review shall conduct the meetings of that panel. The secretary of each panel of the board of architectural review shall keep the minutes of the meetings of that panel and a permanent record of all resolutions, motions, transactions and determinations. All members of the panel shall be entitled to vote, and the decisions of the panel shall be determined by a majority vote. A quorum of four (4) members present of the Old and Historic Alexandria District panel and four (4) members present of the Parker-Gray District panel is required before a panel may take any official action. The panels shall meet within 40 days after an application for a certificate of appropriateness or permit requiring action by that panel has been received by the director of planning and community development. The meetings of the panels shall be open to the public, and a full and impartial hearing shall be granted. No proxy shall be allowed at any time. A panel 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 panel and the applicant; the failure of the panel to vote and announce its decision within said 14 days or within such longer period of time, extended by mutual agreement between the panel and the applicant, shall constitute approval of the application.

(b) No application for a certificate of appropriateness required by sections 7-6-222 or 7-6-239.1 of this code which has been denied by either panel shall be heard again by that panel within one (1) year of the date of its denial of the application, except under such terms and conditions as shall be established by that panel, within the scope of sections 7-6-229 and 7-6-240 of this code, for rehearing the application at the time of its denial of same.

(c) In case of disapproval of the moving, removing, capsulating or razing of a building in the Old and Historic Alexandria District or Parker-Gray District, the panel shall state its reasons therefor in writing in some detail. No application for a permit required by sections 7-6-223 or 7-6-239.2 of this code which has been denied shall be heard again within one (1) year from the date of the denial of the application.

(d) If there is an appeal taken to the city council from any denial of a certificate of appropriateness or a permit to move, remove, capulate or raze, the appropriate panel shall forward its reasons in writing to the council.

(e) Each panel may establish its own rules of procedure for the conduct of its meetings provided that such rules are not in conflict with procedures established in section 9.09(j) of the city charter, articles M, N and P of this chapter or article A of chapter 4, title 2 of the city code.

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.

JAMES P. MORAN, JR.  
Mayor

Final Passage: October 18, 1986