

ORDINANCE NO. 3215

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 5-8-71 by amending subsection (1), adding a new subsection (2), deleting in its entirety subsection (4) and redesignating the subsequent subsections as (4) and (5), Section 5-8-72, subsections (a) and (d) of Section 5-8-73, the first paragraph of Section 5-8-74, Section 5-8-75 and Section 5-8-77, all of Article F, Chapter 8, Title 5 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended; which Title 5 relates to TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, which Chapter 8 relates to PARKING AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS, which Article F relates to PERMIT PARKING DISTRICT, which Section 5-8-71 relates to DEFINITIONS, which Section 5-8-73 relates to DESIGNATION OF PERMIT PARKING DISTRICTS; NOTICE OF DESIGNATION, which Section 5-8-74 relates to PARKING PERMITS; ISSUANCE, which Section 5-8-75 relates to CHANGES IN PERMIT PARKING DISTRICT BOUNDARY and which Section 5-8-77 relates to EXEMPTIONS.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 5-8-71, Chapter 8, Title 5 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended and reordained by amending subsection (1), adding a new subsection (2), deleting in its entirety subsection (4) and redesignating subsequent subsections as (4) and (5).

Sec. 5-8-71. Definitions.

For the purposes of this article, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section:

(1) **Block.** That portion of a city street between two intersecting streets or, in the case of a dead end street, between the street's end and an intersecting street.

(2) **Block face.** The portion of a block running from its centerline to its curb line.

(3) **Guest.** A person who is entertained at a residence for a period of less than 24 hours.

(4) **Permit parking district.** Any area so designated pursuant to the provisions of section 5-8-73 of this article.

(5) **Residential district.** An area in which 75 percent of the buildings are used for residential purposes and containing no fewer than 400 on-street parking spaces, designating 20 linear feet per parking space; provided, however, that an area containing fewer than 400 on-street parking spaces may be deemed to be a

residential district if the city council finds that to require the area to contain 400 on-street parking spaces would be impractical or impose an undue hardship.

(6) **Visitor.** A person who is entertained at a residence for a period of more than 24 hours.

Section 2. That Section 5-8-72, Chapter 8, Title 5 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. 5-8-72. Parking in permit parking district.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to park a motor vehicle within any block which is posted with one or more residential permit parking district signs contrary to any of the conditions set forth on the sign, unless the vehicle displays an appropriate permit issued under this article or one of the license plates, decals or permits described in section 10-4-19(a).

(b) (1) Permit parking district signs shall be posted only in permit parking districts established under section 5-8-73 or section 5-8-76. These signs shall restrict parking in the districts by motor vehicles lacking an appropriate permit issued under this article to no more than two or three consecutive hours during certain time periods, either 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., on specified days of the week, either Monday through Friday or Monday through Saturday. Signs in all permit parking districts shall prohibit the parking of vehicles which lack an appropriate permit issued under this article for more than three consecutive hours between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays, unless city council, at the time it designates a permit parking district under section 5-8-73 or section 5-8-76, or the city manager, pursuant to subsection (b)(2), determines that the signs to be posted in a district or portion thereof shall restrict parking by non-permit holders to no more than two consecutive hours and/or from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday; provided, however, that signs within the area bounded by the Potomac River on the east, the south side of Duke Street on the south, the west side of Washington Street on the west and the north side of Queen Street on the north shall prohibit the parking of motor vehicles which lack a permit issued under this article for more than two consecutive hours between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, excluding legal holidays.

(2) Upon receipt of a petition signed by more than 50 percent of the residents of abutting block face in any permit parking district requesting that the hours and days of restricted

parking on their block be expanded from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, to 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, or upon receipt of a petition signed by more than 50 percent of the residents abutting a block face in permit parking districts 1 through 4 requesting that the number of consecutive hours of parking on their block by persons who lack an appropriate permit issued under this article be reduced from three to two hours, the traffic and parking board of the city shall, after a public hearing, make a recommendation on the petition to the city manager. If the manager concurs in the board's recommendation, he/she shall implement the recommendation within 30 days of the date on which it is issued by the board. If the manager disagrees with the board's recommendation, he/she shall submit the petition to council, including the board's recommendation and his/her reasons for disagreeing with it, and council shall thereafter decide the petition.

(c) It shall be unlawful to erase, remove or cover up any chalk mark placed for identification purposes upon any vehicle by any parking enforcement officer enforcing the provisions of this article unless the vehicle is removed from the block in which it was parked at the time the chalk mark was placed.

Section 3. That subsection (a), Section 5-8-73, Chapter 8, Title 5 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) Upon submission of a petition for the designation of a residential district as a permit parking district, if the petition has been signed by more than 50 percent of the residents abutting each block face in the residential district designated in the petition, which, for purposes of calculating the 50 percent requirement, shall include the residents abutting each block face directly adjacent to the proposed permit parking district, the city manager shall cause to be conducted an engineering survey to determine whether the residential district is qualified as hereinafter described to be designated a permit parking district. The survey of the district shall be taken on a day other than Saturday or Sunday. If at the time of the survey more than 75 percent of the on-street parking spaces in the district are occupied by vehicles, no further survey shall be made. If less than 75 percent of the on-street parking spaces in the district are occupied by vehicles, additional surveys may be made at other times during that day. If 75 percent or more of the on-street parking spaces in the district are found to be occupied by vehicles by any survey, a study shall be made to determine if the number of vehicles parked in the district at the time of the survey and owned by nonresidents of the district exceeds 25 percent of the total number of vehicles parked in the district at that time, in which case the district shall be deemed to qualify as a permit parking district and the city manager shall certify this fact to the traffic and parking board of the city.

Section 4. That subsection (d), Section 5-8-73, Chapter 8, Title 5 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:

(d) Upon the designation of a permit parking district by the city council, the city manager shall assign a number to that district and shall cause to be posted in each block, or portion thereof in which the provisions of section 5-8-72 are applicable, within the district appropriate signs which shall provide the following:

Three (or Two) Hour Parking  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (or 9 p.m.)  
Monday through Friday (or Saturday)  
Except Holders of District \_\_\_\_ Permits

In addition to the language above set forth, there shall be affixed to each sign following the word "District" the number assigned by the city manager to the permit parking district in which the sign is located.

Section 5. That the first paragraph of Section 5-8-74, Chapter 8, Title 5 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended to read as follows:

The city manager shall, upon payment of the fee provided for by this article, issue permits to natural, but not corporate, persons who reside in a dwelling located within the boundaries of a permit parking district authorizing the parking of motor vehicles in such district for more than the consecutive hour limitations in effect in the district, as follows:

Section 6. That Section 5-8-75, Chapter 8, Title 5 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. 5-8-75. Changes in permit parking district boundaries.

Following the designation of a permit parking district, the city council, upon receipt of a petition signed by over 50 percent of the residents abutting a block face who reside in a city block contiguous to the district, provided the block face meets the requirements for a permit parking district in section 5-8-73 of this article and 75 percent of the buildings on the parcels of real estate abutting the block face are used for residential purposes, may by resolution alter the boundaries of the district to include within it any such block face.

Section 7. That Section 5-8-77, Chapter 8, Title 5 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. 5-8-77. Exemptions.

The city manager may exempt a particular block face in a permit parking district from the restricted parking regulations of this article upon the receipt of a petition requesting the exemption of the particular block face signed by more than 50 percent of the residents abutting that block face.

Section 8. 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 requests. 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: May 26, 1987