

ORDINANCE NO. 3372

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 5-8-71 (DEFINITIONS), to add a new Section 5-8-71A (PERMIT PARKING DISTRICT MAP; ESTABLISHMENT AND MODIFICATION OF DISTRICTS; PERMIT PARKING DISTRICT SIGNS), and to amend and reordain Section 5-8-72 (PARKING IN PERMIT PARKING DISTRICTS), subsections (b) and (d) of Section 5-8-73 (DESIGNATION OF PERMIT PARKING DISTRICTS; NOTICE OF DESIGNATION), Section 5-8-75 (CHANGES IN PERMIT PARKING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES), Section 5-8-76 (ESTABLISHMENT OF TRIAL PERMIT PARKING DISTRICT) and Section 5-8-77 (REMOVAL OF EXISTING, AND POSTING OF NEW, PERMIT PARKING DISTRICT SIGNS), all of Article F (PERMIT PARKING DISTRICTS), Chapter 8 (PARKING AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS), Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 5-8-71 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. 5-8-71 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) **City manager.** The city manager of Alexandria or her designee.
- (4) **Guest.** A person who is entertained at a residence for a period of less than 24 hours.
- (5) **Permit.** A permit issued under this article and a license plate, decal or permit described in section 10-4-19 of this code.
- (6) **Permit holder.** An individual who displays a permit on his motor vehicle.
- (7) **Permit parking district.** Any area so designated pursuant to section 5-8-73 or section 5-8-76 of this article.

(8) **Permit parking district map.** A map, prepared and maintained by the department of transportation and environmental services, showing the city's permit parking districts and the block faces within such districts along which permit parking district signs have been placed.

(9) **Permit parking district sign.** A sign, posted along a block face in a permit parking district, which imposes parking restrictions on individuals who lack a permit.

(10) **Residential district.** An area in which 75 percent of the buildings contained therein 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.

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

Section 2. That Article F, Chapter 8, of Title 5 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be and the same hereby is amended by adding a new section 5-8-71A to read as follows:

Sec. 5-8-71A **Permit parking district map; establishment and modification of districts; permit parking district signs.**

(a) **Permit parking district map.** The boundaries of the city's permit parking districts and the block faces within each such district which are posted with permit parking district signs are and shall continue to be shown on a map, designated "Residential Permit Parking District Map," which is maintained by and kept on file in the department of transportation and environmental services. The map dated April 18, 1989, including as it may be amended over time pursuant to actions authorized by this article, is hereby incorporated into and made a part of this article as if the information contained therein were fully set forth herein.

(b) **Establishment of new, and expansion of existing, permit parking districts.** After April 25, 1989, new residential permit parking districts shall be established pursuant to section 5-8-73 or section 5-8-76, and existing districts shall be expanded pursuant to section 5-8-75.

(c) **Posting of new, and modification of existing, permit parking district signs.** Block faces in a permit parking district which lack any permit parking district signs may be posted with

signs pursuant to section 5-8-77(b). Signs posted on block faces in a permit parking district may be modified pursuant to section 5-8-72(b) and may be removed pursuant to section 5-8-77(a).

Section 3. That Section 5-8-72 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 districts.

(a) **Prohibited parking.** 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 a permit.

(b) **Parking restrictions in districts; modifications of restrictions.**

(1) Permit parking district signs shall restrict parking by motor vehicles lacking a permit to no more than two or three consecutive hours during specified periods, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. or 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., on either Monday through Friday or Monday through Saturday, excluding legal holidays, and/or 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Sunday. Signs in all permit parking districts shall prohibit the parking of vehicles which lack a permit 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, or the city manager pursuant to subsection (b)(2), determines that the signs to be posted in a district or portion thereof shall contain another combination of the restrictions set out in the previous sentence.

(2) Following receipt of a petition signed by more than 50 percent of the residents abutting a block face in any permit parking district which requests that the hours and days of restricted parking on their block face be changed and which specifies the combination of hours and days, described in subsection (1), that the residents are seeking, the traffic and parking board of the city shall, after a public hearing, make a recommendation on the petition to the city manager. Following receipt of the board's recommendation, the manager shall decide the petition and thereafter cause her decision to be implemented; provided, that, in the event the manager decides not to adopt the recommendation of the board or she decides to deny the petition, in whole or in part, she shall forward the petition, along with the board's recommendation and the reasons for her decision, to city council which shall make the final decision on the petition.

(c) Chalk marks. 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 4. That subsections (c) and (d) of Section 5-8-73 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, be and the same hereby are amended and reordained to read as follows:

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(c) Following receipt of the recommendations of the traffic and parking board concerning the designation of a qualifying residential district as a permit parking district, the city council may designate the district as a permit parking district. If such a designation is made, council shall determine whether permit parking district signs are immediately to be posted throughout or in a portion of the district, or whether signs are only to be posted following action on petitions filed by residents of block faces within the district in accordance with section 5-8-77(a). If council determines that signs should immediately be posted, it shall identify the block faces within the district along which signs are to be posted, and shall specify which of the parking restrictions described in section 5-8-72(b) are to be imposed by such signs. Following the designation by council of a permit parking district, the director of transportation and environmental services shall assign a number to the newly designated district, and cause the permit parking district map to be modified to include the new district.

(d) Upon the designation of the permit parking district by the city council, the city manager shall cause permit parking district signs to be posted on each block face, or portion thereof, which council specifies for immediate posting. Such signs shall provide the following:

Three (or Two) Hour Parking
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (or to 9 p.m. or 11 p.m.)
Monday through Friday (or through Saturday)
11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday (if applicable)
Except Holders of District ___ Permits

In addition to this language, there shall be affixed to each sign following the word "District" the number assigned to the permit parking district in which the sign is located.

Section 5. That Section 5-8-75 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.

Residents abutting a block face within a city block which is adjacent to a permit parking district, who wish to have their block face included in the district, shall submit to the city manager a petition signed by at least 50 percent of the block face residents. The manager shall submit the petition to the traffic and parking board for its review and recommendation. Following review by the board, city council may grant the petition and expand the boundaries of the district to include the block face identified in the petition, or a designated portion thereof, so long as at least 75 percent of the parcels of real estate abutting the block face, or the designated portion, are used for residential purposes and the block face meets the requirements for a permit parking district in section 5-8-73.

Section 6. That Section 5-8-76 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. 5-8-76 Establishment of trial permit parking district.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, the city council may establish a permit parking district or districts on a trial basis, for a period not to exceed 90 days, during which period no other petitions for establishment of such district shall be acted on by the city council. Any permit parking district established on a trial basis pursuant to this section shall, at the expiration of the trial period established by the city council for that district, continue to be a permit parking district as established by this article unless and until it shall be otherwise declared by the city council. The provisions of subsections (c) and (d) of section 5-8-73 shall apply to the establishment of a permit parking district under this section.

Section 7. That Section 5-8-77 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 Removal of existing, and posting of new, permit parking district signs.

(a) Residents abutting a block face within a permit parking district who wish to have permit parking district signs removed from their block face, or a portion thereof, shall submit to the city manager a petition signed by at least 50 percent of the residents of the block face or the portion thereof identified in the petition. The manager shall forward the petition to the traffic and parking board for its review and recommendation. Following receipt of the board's recommendation, the manager shall grant the petition unless she finds that removal of the

signs would have a significant adverse effect upon residents abutting nearby block faces within the district; provided, that, in the event the manager decides not to adopt the recommendation of the board or she decides to deny the petition, she shall forward the petition, along with the board's recommendation and the reasons for her decision, to council which shall make the final decision on the petition.

(b) Residents abutting a block face within a permit parking district who wish to have permit parking district signs posted on their block face, or a portion thereof, shall submit to the city manager a petition signed by at least 50 percent of the residents of the block fac, or the portion thereof identified in the petition. The petition shall specify the combination of hours and days, described in section 5-8-72(b)(1), during which the residents seek to have permit parking restrictions in effect on their block face. The manager shall forward the petition to the traffic and parking board for its review and recommendation. Following receipt of the board's recommendation, the manager shall grant the petition if she finds that at least 75 percent of the parcels of real estate on the block face, or the portion thereof identified in the petition, are used for residential purposes and that the block face, or the identified portion thereof, meets the requirements for a permit parking district in section 5-8-73; provided, that, in the event the manager decides not to adopt the recommendation of the board or she decides to deny the petition, in whole or in part, she shall forward the petition, along with the board's recommendation and the reasons for her decision, to city council which shall make the final decision on the petition.

Section 8. That this ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time of its final passage.

JAMES P. MORAN, JR.
Mayor

Final Passage: April 25, 1989