

ORDINANCE NO. 3422

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain subsection (a) of Section 7-6-301 (WRITTEN NOTICE), subsection (a) of Section 7-6-302 (PLACARD NOTICE), subsection (a) and subsection (b) of Section 7-6-303 (NEWSPAPER NOTICE), and to further amend Section 7-6-303 by adding thereto a new subsection (d) and a new subsection (e), all of Article P (NOTICES), Chapter 6 (ZONING), Title 7 (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT) of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That subsection (a) of Section 7-6-301 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. 7-6-301 Written notice.

(a) The applicant shall mail written notice of public hearings before the planning commission, the city council, the board of zoning appeals, the subdivision committee and the board of architectural review. Such notice shall be mailed 10 days prior to the hearing; provided, however, that such notice shall not be required in the case of an amendment to the text of this chapter; and provided further, that such notice shall not be required in the case of a comprehensive revision to the zoning map referenced in section 7-6-3 or to the adoption of a new zoning code for the city.

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Section 2. That subsection (a) of Section 7-6-302 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. 7-6-302 Placard notice.

(a) The city shall post placards 10 days prior to hearings before the planning commission, city council, board of zoning appeals, subdivision committee or board of architectural review; provided, however, that such notice shall not be required in the case of an amendment to the text of this chapter; and provided further, that such notice shall not be required in the case of a comprehensive revision to the zoning map referenced in section 7-6-3 or to the adoption of a new zoning code for the city.

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Section 3. That subsection (a) and subsection (b) of Section 7-6-303 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:

Sec. 7-6-303 Newspaper notice.

(a) The city shall give notice, at the expense of the applicant, in a newspaper of general circulation in the city, of the date, time and place of all public hearings before the planning commission, the city council, the board of zoning appeals, the subdivision committee and the board of architectural review, including a description of the matter being heard.

(b) Such notice shall be published 10 days before such hearing.

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Section 4. That Section 7-6-303 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, be and the same hereby is amended by adding thereto a new subsection (d) and a new subsection (e) to read as follows:

Sec. 7-6-303 Newspaper notice.

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(d) In the event of a comprehensive revision to the zoning map referenced in section 7-6-3, or the adoption of a new zoning code for the city, notice of all public hearings on such revision or adoption, or any portion thereof, before the planning commission or city council shall be given pursuant to this subsection, in lieu of the notice required under subsections (a), (b) and (c) of this section. Such notice shall be published at least 10 days prior to each such hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the city. Such notice shall contain a general description of the subject matter to be considered at the hearing and shall advise the public as to the manner in which detailed information on the subject matter may be obtained by interested persons. The director of planning and community development shall implement procedures to make detailed information on the subject matter of such hearings reasonably available to interested persons, and shall take such additional measures as city council may from time to time direct to inform the public as to the pendency of such revision or adoption and the availability of information thereon.

(e) For the purposes of this article, the adoption of a new zoning code for the city shall mean the repeal of the existing zoning map and regulations, and the adoption of a new or substantially revised map and new or substantially revised regulations for the city as a whole or for the territory included within a small area plan adopted as part of the official master plan of the city. A comprehensive revision to the zoning map referenced in section 7-6-3 shall mean the repeal of the existing map and the adoption of a new or substantially new zoning map for the

city as a whole or for the territory included within a small area plan adopted as part of the official master plan of the city.

Section 6. That this ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time of its final passage; provided, however, that notice of public hearings on any matter subject to the provisions of article P, chapter 6, title 7 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, which matter was pending as of the time of final passage before the planning commission, board of zoning appeals, subdivision committee, board of architectural review or city council, may be given in the manner prescribed by the said article prior to final passage of this ordinance.

JAMES P. MORAN, JR.
Mayor

Final Passage: December 16, 1989