

ORDINANCE NO. 3502

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 5-8-73 (DESIGNATION OF PERMIT PARKING DISTRICTS; NOTICE OF DESIGNATION) 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 5-8-73 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. 5-8-73 Designation of permit parking districts; notice of designation.

(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.

(b) Following receipt of a certification by the city manager that a residential district is deemed to qualify as a permit parking district, the traffic and parking board shall, after a public hearing, make recommendations to the city council concerning the designation of the qualifying residential district as a permit parking district. In making its recommendations to the city council the traffic and parking board shall consider the availability of an alternate means of transportation to and from the residential district, air pollution caused by automobile

traffic within the district and the environmental impact of automobile use in the district.

(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 Holder 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.

(e) No citation for a violation of section 5-8-72 of this article shall be issued in any permit parking district until the signs required by subsection (d) of this section shall have been posted in the district. No citation for a violation of section 5-8-72 shall be valid if the owner of the vehicle receiving the citation within 15 days of the date of adoption of the resolution designating the permit parking district in which the motor vehicle was parked when cited, obtains a permit authorizing the parking of the vehicle in the district. No citation for a violation of section 5-8-72 shall be valid if, less than 31 days before the date of the citation, the owner of the cited vehicle first became a resident of the permit parking district in which the vehicle was parked when cited and, within 30 days of becoming a resident of the district, the owner obtained a permit

authorizing the parking of the cited vehicle within the district.

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time of its final passage.

PATRICIA S. TICER
Mayor

Final Passage: March 16, 1991