

ORDINANCE NO. 3512

AN ORDINANCE authorizing occupant of the property at 215 King Street to maintain an encroachment into the right-of-way of the public sidewalk area in front of 215 King Street, in the City of Alexandria, Virginia, said encroachment consisting of a "cigar store indian" less than six feet in height placed west of, and next to, the front steps of this property.

WHEREAS, Sasan Leather, Inc. is the owner and Daniel D. Geller, d/b/a "John Crouch Tobacconist," is the current occupant of the property located at 215 King Street in the City of Alexandria, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Geller desires to display a "cigar store Indian" which will encroach on the public sidewalk adjoining the property at 215 King Street immediately west of, and next to, the front steps of said property; and

WHEREAS, the public right-of-way at that point will not be significantly impaired by this encroachment; and

WHEREAS, this encroachment has been approved by the Planning Commission of the City of Alexandria at one of its regular meetings subject to certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the City Council of Alexandria that this encroachment is not detrimental to the public interest; therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Daniel D. Geller, d/b/a "John Crouch Tobacconist," and his successors acting as a tobacconist (hereafter collectively "Tobacconist") be, and the same hereby is, authorized to establish and maintain an encroachment on the public sidewalk adjoining 215 King Street in the City of Alexandria, said encroachment consisting of placing a "cigar store Indian" less than six feet in height immediately west of, and next to, the front steps of the property at 215 King Street, until the encroachment is removed or destroyed or the authorization to maintain it is terminated by the city; provided, that his authorization to establish and maintain the encroachment shall not be construed to relieve either the owner of the property at 215 King Street or the Tobacconist of liability for any negligence on its part on account of or in connection with the encroachment and shall be subject to the provisions set forth below.

Section 2. That the authorization herein granted to establish and maintain the encroachment shall be effective as long as, and only when, the property is used as a tobacco shop.

Section 3. That the authorization hereby granted to establish and maintain said encroachment shall be subject to and conditioned upon the owner of the property at 215 King Street (hereafter "Owner") or the Tobacconist maintaining, at all times and at its own expense, liability insurance, covering both bodily injury and property damage, with a company authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth of Virginia and with minimum limits as follows:

Bodily Injury: \$1,000,000 each occurrence
 \$1,000,000 aggregate

Property Damage: \$1,000,000 each occurrence
 \$1,000,000 aggregate

This liability insurance policy shall identify the City of Alexandria as a named insured and shall provide for the indemnification of the City of Alexandria against any and all loss occasioned by the establishment, construction, placement, existence, use or maintenance of the encroachment. Evidence of the policy and any renewal thereof shall be filed with the city attorney's office. Any other provision herein to the contrary notwithstanding, in the event this policy of insurance lapses, is canceled, is not renewed or otherwise ceases to be in force and effect, the authorization herein granted to establish and maintain the encroachment shall, at the option of the city, forthwith and without notice or demand by the city, terminate. In that event, the owner or Tobacconist shall, upon notice from the city, remove the encroachment from the public right-of-way, or the city, at its option, may remove the encroachment at the expense and risk of the owner of 215 King Street and/or on the Tobacconist. Nothing in this section shall relieve the Owner or the Tobacconist of the obligations and undertakings required of it under this ordinance.

Section 4. That by accepting the authorization hereby granted to establish and maintain the encroachment and by so establishing and/or maintaining the encroachment, the Owner and Tobacconist shall be deemed to have promised and agreed to save harmless the City of Alexandria from any and all liability (including attorneys' fees and litigation expenses) by reason of the establishment, construction, placement, existence, use or maintenance of the encroachment.

Section 5. That the authorization herein granted to establish and maintain the encroachment shall be subject to the Owner and Tobacconist maintaining the area of the encroachment at all times unobstructed and free from accumulation of litter, snow, ice and other potentially dangerous matter.

Section 6. That nothing in this ordinance is intended to constitute, or shall be deemed to be, a waiver of sovereign immunity by or on behalf of the City of Alexandria.

Section 7. That the Owner or the Tobacconist shall timely pay to the City of Alexandria for the encroachment authorized herein the annual charge established in § 3-2-85 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, 1981, as amended.

Section 8. That the authorization herein granted to establish and maintain the encroachment shall be terminated whenever the City of Alexandria desires to use the affected public right-of-way for any purpose whatsoever and, by written notification, demands from the Owner or the Tobacconist the removal of the encroachment. Said removal shall be completed within 60 days of the date of the notice and shall be accomplished by the Owner or the Tobacconist without cost to the city. If the Owner and Tobacconist cannot be found, or shall fail or neglect to remove the encroachment within the time specified, the city shall have the right to remove the encroachment, at the expense of the Owner and the Tobacconist, and shall not be liable to the Owner or the Tobacconist for any loss or damage to the "cigar store Indian" caused by the removal.

Section 9. That this ordinance shall be effective upon the date and at the time of its final passage.

PATRICIA S. TICER
Mayor

Final Passage: April 13, 1991