

ORDINANCE NO. 3653

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sections 7-1201 (PERMITTED UTILITIES) and 7-1202 (SPECIAL USE UTILITIES), under Section 7-1200 (UTILITIES), of Article VII (SUPPLEMENTAL ZONE REGULATIONS) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 7-1201 of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance be, and the same hereby is, amended to read as follows:

Section 7-1201 Permitted utilities.

The following utilities are permitted in any zone in the city: the erection, construction, alteration or maintenance by public utilities, public service corporations, municipal departments, public commissions or public authorities of underground gas, steam, water or sewage supply, collection or disposal systems and underground or overhead electric, communication, telephone or cable transmission or distribution systems, including poles, wires, lines, mains, drains, sewers, pipes, conduits, cables, fire alarm boxes, traffic signals, hydrants, freestanding pad mounted transformers and electric switches, and other similar equipment and accessories in connection therewith reasonably necessary for the furnishing of adequate services by such utilities, corporations, departments, commissions or authorities, or for the public health, safety or general welfare; provided, that such freestanding pad mounted transformers and electric switches have been approved after public hearing by site plan, special use permit or certificate of appropriateness or as part of the city's capital improvement program, or have been approved either by both the director of transportation and environmental services and the director of planning and community development, in accordance with guidelines established by the directors and approved by city council, after affording informal notice and opportunity to comment to affected parties or by city council, after public hearing, on an appeal from disapproval by one or both directors.

Section 2. That Section 7-1202 of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance be, and the same hereby is, amended to read as follows:

Section 7-1202 Special use utilities.

The following utility uses are permitted by public utilities, public service corporations, municipal departments, public commissions or public authorities only with a special use permit:

(A) Tanks, towers, standpipes or other facilities for storing water, sewage or other liquids or gases, electric power substations, telephone exchange buildings and structures, and pumping stations;

(B) Overhead transmission, distribution or communication wires, lines or cables suspended or carried by poles, towers or other structures which:

- (1) Exceed 65 feet in height;
- (2) Have one or more arms, cross arms or similar apparatus which would extend out more than six feet from the side thereof;
- (3) Have a diameter in excess of three feet if it is a pole-like structure; or
- (4) Exceed four square feet in area at any cross section, or have a side exceeding two feet in width if it is a tower or other type structure.

Section 3. That Sections 7-1201 and 7-1202 of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, as amended by this ordinance, be, and the same hereby are, reordained as part of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time of its final passage, and shall be applicable to all land, buildings and structures in the City of Alexandria as of said date and time, including to all applications for land use or land development approval provided for under the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance which on such date are pending before any city department, agency, or board, or before city council, or are pending on judicial review.

PATRICIA S. TICER
Mayor

Final Passage: June 22, 1993