

ORDINANCE NO. 3710

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the owner of the property at 617 North Henry Street, and the owner's successors in title, to establish and maintain an encroachment into the public sidewalk right-of-way of 617 North Henry Street, in the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

WHEREAS, Edward S. J. Fader is the owner of the commercial building at 617 North Henry Street in the City of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, Edward S. J. Fader desires to build and maintain a required access ramp for the disabled which will encroach into the public sidewalk right-of-way at 617 North Henry Street;

WHEREAS, the public right-of-way at that point on 617 North Henry Street 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 Council of the City of Alexandria that this encroachment is not detrimental to the public interest; therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Edward S. J. Fader and his successors in title (hereinafter collectively the "Owner") be, and the same hereby is, authorized to establish and maintain an encroachment into the public sidewalk right-of-way of 617 North Henry Street in the City of Alexandria, said encroachment consisting of a sloped ramp and a landing which make the entrance of the building accessible to the disabled, which shall extend no more than four feet into the public right-of-way and shall be no more than 14 feet long, until the encroachment is removed or destroyed or the authorization to maintain it is terminated by the city; provided, that this authorization to establish and maintain the encroachment shall not be construed to relieve Owner of liability for any negligence on his 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 hereby granted to establish and maintain said encroachment shall be subject to and conditioned upon Owner maintaining, at all times and at his 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 and Owner as named insureds and shall provide for the indemnification of the City of Alexandria and Owner 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, Owner 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 Owner. Nothing in this section shall relieve Owner of his obligations and undertakings required under this ordinance.

Section 3. That by accepting the authorization hereby granted to establish and maintain the encroachment and by so establishing and/or maintaining the encroachment, Owner 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) arising by reason of the establishment, construction, placement, existence, use or maintenance of the encroachment.

Section 4. That the authorization herein granted to establish and maintain the encroachment shall be subject to Owner's maintaining the area of the encroachment at all times unobstructed and free from accumulation of litter, snow, ice and other potentially dangerous matter.

Section 5. 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 or any of its officers or employees.

Section 6. That Owner 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 7. That (a) the ramp that is constructed within the encroachment authorized by this ordinance shall not exceed

requirements, under the Americans with Disabilities Act, for degree of slope, (b) that the remainder of the public sidewalk, after ramp construction, shall be minimum of four feet in width between the back of the curb and the ramp, and (c) that the area below the ramp shall be paved and sloped to provide the City of Alexandria's standard sidewalk slope (1/4"/1") for drainage.

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 Owner the removal of the encroachment. Said removal shall be completed by the date specified in the notice and shall be accomplished by Owner without cost to the city. If Owner 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 Owner, and shall not be liable to Owner for any loss or damage to the structure of the encroachment 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: March 19, 1994