

ORDINANCE NO. 3841

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Article II (DEFINITIONS) by adding a new Section 2-150.1 (OUTDOOR GARDEN CENTER), to amend and reordain Article IV (COMMERCIAL, OFFICE AND INDUSTRIAL ZONES) to allow outdoor garden centers by special use permit in the commercial zones and industrial zone (TA NO. 95-013), and to amend and reordain Section 9-301 (REVIEW REQUIRED) under Section 9-300 (SIGNS, MARQUEES AND AWNINGS WITHIN OLD AND HISTORIC ALEXANDRIA AND PARKER-GRAY DISTRICTS AND ON 100-YEAR OLD BUILDINGS) of Article IX (SIGNS, MARQUEES AND AWNINGS) (TA NO. 95-011), all of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Article II of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance be, and the same hereby is, amended by adding thereto a new Section 2-150.1, to read as follows:

Section 2-150.1 Outdoor garden center. A retail enterprise that sells plants, garden supplies and services, and similar items not to include heavy equipment such as farm machinery. Notwithstanding any provisions of this ordinance to the contrary, all or portions of the use may be located outside of an enclosed structure if properly sited, as determined by special use permit approval.

Section 2. That Sections 4-100, 4-200, 4-300, 4-400, 4-500, 4-600, 4-700, 4-800, 4-900, 4-1000, 4-1100, and 4-1200 of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance be, and the same hereby are, severally amended by adding to the special use section thereof a new subsection, the appropriate lettered subsection heading to be assigned by the city attorney in preparing the codification of this ordinance, to read as follows:

(\_) Outdoor garden center.

Section 3. That Section 9-301 of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance be, and the same hereby is, amended to read as follows:

Section 9-301(E) Freestanding Signs. One freestanding sign may be permitted on any property zoned commercial if the area of the sign is no greater than six square feet and if the sign is approved by the Board of Architectural Review.

Section 9-301(F) Prohibited Signs. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-301(E), no sign advertising a business, which sign is within 200 feet of and visible from Washington Street, shall be permitted unless it is attached to a building in which the business being advertised is conducted, or unless it is the minimum signage necessary to comply with section 9-7-20 of the city code.

Section 4. That Article II, and Sections 4-100, 4-200, 4-300, 4-400, 4-500, 4-600, 4-700, 4-800, 4-900, 4-1000, 4-1100, 4-1200 and 9-301 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 5. That this Ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time of its final passage and shall apply 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 on judicial review; shall apply to all such applications which may be filed after such date, and shall apply to all other facts and circumstances subject to the provisions of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, except as may be provided in Article XII of said ordinance.

KERRY J. DONLEY  
Vice-Mayor

Final Passage: January 20, 1996