

ORDINANCE NO. 4178

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 2-143 (FAMILY), of Article II (DEFINITIONS) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance (TA No. 00-0001).

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Section 2-143 of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance be, and the same hereby is, amended to read as follows:

2-143 Family. A group of people living together as a single housekeeping unit and consisting of:

(A) One or more persons related by blood or marriage together with any number of natural, foster, step or adopted children, domestic servants, nurses and therapists and no more than two roomers or boarders; or

(B) Not more than four unrelated persons or two unrelated adults plus their children; or

(C) Those groups identified in Code of Virginia, ' 15.2-2291(A), or like groups licensed by the Virginia Department of Social Services which otherwise meet the criteria of Code of Virginia, ' 15.2-2291(A), and which have been determined by the director, following review and recommendation by the Alexandria Community Services Board (CSB), to be in compliance with CSB Policy No. 13 in effect at the time of such determination; or

(D) Any other housekeeping unit not specified above which may be approved through the issuance of a special use permit as being compatible with the character of the neighborhood in which it is to be located; provided, however, that such housekeeping unit shall not exceed nine persons.

(E) In calculating the number of persons permitted to constitute a family pursuant to subsections (C) and (D) of this section, a maximum of eight children under the age of seven who live with their parent in a housekeeping unit may be counted according to the formula: two such children equal one person.

(F) The operation of the home permitted under Section 2-143(C) may be directed and administered from the home. No other business of any type, including without limitation the direction and administration of other homes, shall be conducted in the home, except as may be authorized as a home occupation pursuant to Section 7-300 of this ordinance. The operation of the home permitted under Section 2-143(C) shall at all times comply with CSB Policy No. 13 in effect at the time of approval of the home.

Section 2. That family groups, as defined in Section 2-143(C) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, licensed by the Virginia Department of Social Services, and lawfully existing on December 16, 2000, but which have not been determined by the director of planning and zoning, following review and recommendation by the CSB to be in compliance with CSB Policy No. 13, shall, as to the premises occupied on such date, be

characterized as noncomplying uses, pursuant to Section 12-300 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Section 3. That Section 2-143 of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, as amended by this ordinance, be, and the same hereby is, 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 apply to all applications for land use, land development or subdivision approval provided for under the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance which are on such date 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 Section 2 of this Ordinance and Article XII of the Zoning Ordinance.

KERRY J. DONLEY  
Mayor

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